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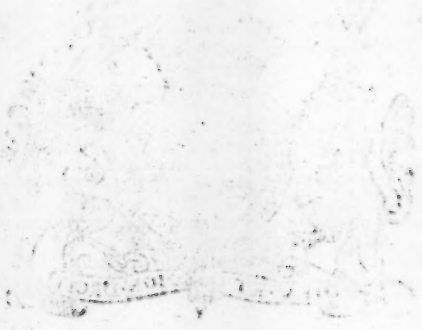

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An Act for Importing and Coining Guineas and Half-Guineas.

Whereas by an Act made in the First Session of this present Parliament, Intituled, An Act for Taking off the Obligation, and Encouragement for Coining Guineas for a certain time therein mentioned, It is Enacted, That from the Second Day of March, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred ninety five, until the First Day of January then next following, there shall not be any Obligation of Receiving into His Majesties Mint or Mints to be Coined, any Gold whatsoever, nor shall the Officers of His Majesties Mints be obliged to Coin any Gold within the time aforesaid, for any Person whatsoever; And that the Recompences appointed by the Statute made in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, and other Subsequent Statutes for Encouragement of Coinage, shall be Applied to the Use of the Silver Mints. And it is also thereby further Enacted, That from and after the said Second Day of March, until the said First day of January, it shall not be Lawful for any Person or Persons Whatsoever to Import Guineas or Half-Guineas into this Kingdom, upon any pretence Whatsoever, upon Forfeiture of the said Guineas or Half-Guineas. And Whereas the reason of making the said Act was occasioned by the High and Unusual Price of Guineas, which might in the End be very Prejudicial to the Subject; But the said Price of Guineas being now reduced to or near the Standard, and sundry Persons being desirous

to Coin Gold, and also to Import great Quantities of Guineas and Half-Guineas, which will be very beneficial to the Trade and Commerce of this Kingdom.

For the Encouragement whereof, Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Act, and every Clause, Matter and Thing therein contained (other than what relates to the Recompences by the said Act appointed, to be applied to the Silver Mints, and what concerns the Royal African Company) be, and are hereby Repealed and utterly made Void, to all intents and purposes; and that all and every Person and Persons may freely Import into this Kingdom, Guineas and Half-Guineas, as they might or usually did before the making the said Act for prohibiting the same.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Master and Worker, and other Officers of His Majesties Mint in the Tower of London, shall on or before the Tenth Day of November, One thousand six hundred ninety six, Prepare and Set apart One or more Mill or Mills, Press or Presses with other Conveniencies, to be in the first place imployed in the Coinage of Gold, which shall be brought thither by any Person or Persons, Native or Foreigner, to be Received in, Coined and Delivered out, in such Manner, Course and Order, as by the aforesaid Statute made in the Eighteenth Year of King Charles the Second is Directed and Appointed, so that the Course in Coinage of Gold and Silver be kept in distinct Accounts, and not Interfere one with another, either in Receiving into, or Delivering out of His Majesties said Mint, and that such Coining and Delivering out Gold in a distinct Course according to the time of bringing in the same, although there be Silver remaining there uncoined, shall not be Interpreted any Undue Preference to incur any Penalty in point of Delivery of Money Coined; Any thing in the said Statute of the Eighteenth of King Charles the Second, or other Statute to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

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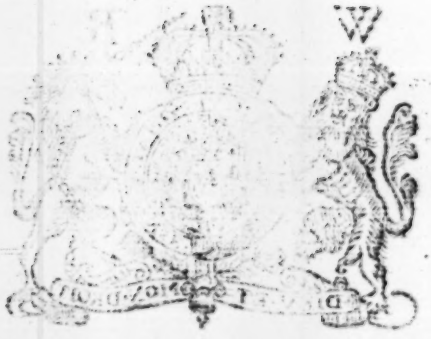

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Gulielmi III. Regis.

An Act for the further Remedying the ill State of the Coin of the Kingdom.

Whereas great Mischiefs and Inconveniencies have fallen upon this Kingdom, by the frequent Counterfeiting, Clipping, and other Unlawful Diminishing of the Current Coin of this Kingdom: For the Remedying whereof for the future, 'tis thought Necessary, That all the Hammered Silver Coin of this Kingdom should be Recoined by the Mill and Press, which will be less subject to those Pernicious and Destructive Methods of Clipping and Counterfeiting; and that in the mean time to put a Stop to the further Clipping such Hammered Money, the same should not be Current in Payment, otherwise than as is hereafter mentioned: For the Incouragement therefore of all Persons to bring in their Hammered Silver Money into His Majesties Mints to be Recoined, Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all such Hammered Silver Money, Clipped or Unclipped, as shall be brought by any Person at any time after the Fourth Day of November, One thousand six

hundred ninety six, and before the First Day of July, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, unto any of His Majesties Mints, shall be there Received by the Officers of His Majesties Mints, at the Rate of Five Shillings and Four Pence per Ounce for every Ounce Troy of all such Hammered Silver.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and singular His Majesties Receivers, Collectors and other Officers concerned in the Receipt or Collection of any of His Majesties Aids, Taxes or other Revenues, or of any Loans to be made to His Majesty, shall, and they and every of them are hereby Impowered and Required to Take and Receive in Payment from any of His Majesties Subjects, all such Hammered Silver Coin as shall be by them Tendred to such Receiver, Collector or other Officer, for or in Discharge of any Aids, Taxes or other Revenue, or upon any Loans at any time between the Fourteenth Day of November, One thousand six hundred ninety six, and the respective Times herein after mentioned; that is to say, The First Day of February then next ensuing, as to Loans, and all Arrears of Aids, Taxes or Revenues Due before the said First Day of February, and the First Day of June then next ensuing, as to all future Aids and Taxes, and all other Revenues and Duties whatsoever, at the Rate of Five Shillings and Eight Pence for every Ounce of such Hammered Silver Coin so Tendred or Lent, and the Tender, Payment or Loan of every Ounce of such Hammered Silver Coin shall be as good a Discharge to the Person Tendring, Paying or Lending the same, his Heirs, Executors or Administrators for the Sum of Five Shillings and Eight Pence, as though the said Sum of Five Shillings and Eight Pence had been Tendred, Paid or Lent in the Lawful Current Coin of this Kingdom.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the First Day of December, One thousand six hundred ninety six, no Hammered Silver Coin of this Kingdom shall be Current in any Payment

ment whatſoever, except only ſuch as are herein before mentioned, otherwiſe than by Weight only, after the rate of Five Shillings and Two Pence for every Ounce of Sterling Silver.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all ſuch Hammered Money, conſiſting only of Pieces having both the Rings or the greateſt part of the Letters remaining on them, or being Six Pences of Sterling Silver, not Clipt within the Innermoſt Ring, as have been before the Eighteenth Day of November, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſix, actually Received or Collected by any Commiſſioners, Receiver General, or other Receiver or Collector, or the Deputies of any of them, by Tale for any Publick Tax, Aid, Impoſition, or Revenue whatſoever, ſhall and may in like manner be paid by, and received from them upon their reſpective Accompts by Way of Tale, and not by Weight, within the times, and in ſuch manner as are hereafter limitted and appointed, and not otherwiſe; that is to ſay, Every particular Receiver or Collector, Who by Law is to make his Payments to any Commiſſioners, Receiver General, or Head Collector, ſhall have time for doing thereof till the Eighteenth Day of December, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſix, making Oath (when he Tenders ſuch Payment before ſuch Commiſſioners, Receiver General, or Head Collector, or their reſpective Deputies, who have hereby Power to Adminiſter the ſame) That the Hammered Money then Brought or Tendred by ſuch particular Receiver or Collector, was actually and bona fide Received by him by Tale, before the ſaid Eighteenth day of November, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſix, for the reſpective Tax and Impoſition, or Revenue upon which he offers to pay the ſame, and that he hath not Directly nor Indirectly made any Profit thereby, other than What is allowed by Act of Parliament; Which Oath ſhall be taken in Writing, and brought, together with the Money to which it relates, into the Receipt of the Exchequer, as is herein after mentioned; And the reſpective Commiſſioners, Receivers General, or Head Collectors of any the ſaid

Tares, Aids, Impoſitions or Revenues, ſhall have time until the Tenth Day of January, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſix, for paying the ſaid Hammered Moneys, conſiſting of ſuch Pieces, as aforeſaid, into the Receipt of His Majeſties Exchequer, ſo as they reſpectively, or their reſpective Deputies, or Perſons intruſted in their Receipts, do at the ſame time of making ſuch Payments make Oath before the Auditor of the Receipt, or Clerk of the Pells in the ſaid Exchequer, who have hereby power to Adminiſter the ſame, That the Money ſo by them Tendred or Brought to the ſaid Receipt, was actually and bona fide Received by them by Tale reſpectively before the ſaid Eightœnth Day of December, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſix, on Accompt of ſuch Tax, Aid, Impoſition or Revenue, as aforeſaid, or Was brought to them by ſuch particular Receivers or Collectors, as aforeſaid, Within the time limitted, and that they have not directly nor indirectly made any Profit thereby, other than What is allowed by Act of Parliament, and ſo as the ſaid Commiſſioners, Receiver General, or Head Collectors, or their Deputies, or Perſons intruſted in their Receipts, as aforeſaid, do produce the ſaid Affidavits of particular Receivers or Collectors, With their Money (all Which ſaid Oaths or Affidavits in Writing ſhall be duly Filed in the ſaid Receipt of Exchequer by the ſaid Clerk of the Pells.)

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That as well all the Hammered Money conſiſting of Pieces deſcribed, as aforeſaid, ſo to be brought into the Receipt of the Exchequer by Tale, as aforeſaid, as alſo all Hammered Moneys likewiſe conſiſting only of Pieces having both the Rings, or the greateſt part of the Letters remaining on them, or being Six Pences of Sterling Silver not Clipt Within the Innermoſt Ring, actually being and remaining in the Receipt of His Majeſties Exchequer on the Eightœnth Day of November, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſix, having bœn, bona fide, Received there by the reſpective Tellers (they the reſpective Tellers or their Clerks making Oath, as aforeſaid) for any Tax, Aid, Impoſition

position or other Revenue whatsoever, shall from time to time, by the Direction of the Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury, or any one or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any one or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being (who have hereby full Power and Authority given them in that behalf) be melted down and cast into Ingots, and be delivered into His Majesties Mint or Mints, by Indentures with the Master and Worker of the Mints, to be there reduced to Sterling, and Coined by the Mill and Press into the Lawful Coins of this Realm; and that all the New Money proceeding from such Ingots (except the necessary Charge of making the New Money, and of Melting the Silver) shall from time to time be brought back into the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, and be there placed to the respective Accompts of the said particular Revenues, Tares, Loans or other Branches to which the said Hammered Moneys respectively did belong; and shall be Issued, Paid out, and Disposed accordingly, so far as the same will extend, in such and the like course or manner as ought to be observed in case the said Hammered Moneys were not taken away to be Recoined, and so as that in all cases where any of the said Hammered Moneys were Appropriated by any Act or Acts of Parliament for Repayment of Loans, or for Satisfaction of Interest Money, or for Payment of Annuities or other Uses, the New Moneys coming instead thereof (so far as the same will extend) shall be Appropriated, Issued and Applied to the same respective Uses, and in the same Course and Order as are prescribed by such Acts, without being Diverted or Divertible to any other Use, or being Misapplied, under the Penalty of Incurring the same Forfeitures and Disabilities by the Officers and other Persons concerned therein, as they would have Incurred for Diverting or Misapplying the Money of such Tares, Revenues, Loans or other Branches, in case the same were not Recoined.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all

all Money that shall be brought in upon the Accompt of Taxes or Revenues, or Loans at Five Shillings and Eight Pence per Ounce, according to this Act, shall be by the respective Officers of the Exchequer, Receivers General or Collectors, carried to the next adjacent Mint, in order to be Recoined; and that the said Taxes and Revenues, shall not be brought into His Majesties Exchequer, till Recoined, any Law or Statute to the contrary in any Wise notwithstanding.

And be it hereby Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be Lawful for the Collectors for the time being, Appointed to Receive the Money Charged on the County of Hereford, for the making Navigable the Rivers Wye and Lugg in the said County, by one Act made in the last Session of this present Parliament, to Receive the Money so Charged, and the Arrears thereof, at any time before the First Day of June, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, in Hammered Money, Clipt or Unclipt, at the Rate of Five Shillings and Eight Pence per Ounce, and to Pay it in at that Rate to the Receiver General for the time being, Appointed in Pursuance of the said Act, any thing in this Act to the contrary in any Wise notwithstanding: And also that what Money shall be so Paid to the said Collectors, by any Person Taxable by Virtue of that Act, though it be more than shall be Due before the said First Day of June, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, shall be Received by the said Collectors, and Allowed to the respective Accompts of the Persons so Paying the same, in Discharge of so much Leviable upon them by the said Act; and shall be Paid by the said Collectors to the said Receiver General: And that the said Receiver General shall be under the Direction of the Trustees Named in the said Act, or the Major part of them, either forthwith to Pay the Money to such Persons who have already Lent on the Borrowing Clause of the said Act, or to send the same as Received to the next Mint, to be Coined, and as Received from the Mint, to be Paid according to the Direction and Appointment of the said Act.

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An Act to Explain that Part of the Act Paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, for Laying ſeveral Duties on Low Wines, and Spirits of the firſt Extraction, and for Preventing the Frauds and Abuſes of Brewers, Diſtillers, and other Perſons Chargeable with the Duties of Exciſe, which Relates to the Payment of Tallies and the Intereſt thereof.

Whereas in and by one Act Made and Paſſed in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter, in the Seventh and Eighth Years of His Majeſties Reign, Intituled, An Act for Laying ſeveral Duties upon Low Wines or Spirits of the firſt Extraction, and for Preventing the Frauds and Abuſes of Brewers, Diſtillers, and other Perſons Chargeable with the Duties of Exciſe, It was

(amongſt other things) Enacted, That Weekly, and every Week, from and after the Twentieth Day of April, One thouſand ſix hundred and ninety ſix, the Sum of Six thouſand Pounds out of the particular Branches or Duties of Exciſe, therein mentioned, which are commonly called the Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, or either of them, ſhould be Paid and Applied, and is thereby Appropriated to and for the Payment and Satisfaction of ſuch Tallies of Pro or Aſſignment, or other Tallies, as in the ſaid Act were mentioned to be already Levied, and to be then remaining unſatisfied on the ſaid particular Branches of Exciſe, or either of them, and the Intereſt thereof, not exceeding the Rate of Six Pounds per Centum per Annum, until the ſame ſhould be Paid off, and that from and after the full Satisfaction thereof, the like Weekly Sum ſhould be Paid and Applied, and is thereby Appropriated to, and for the Repayment and Satisfaction of ſuch further Sums, not exceeding Four hundred thouſand Pounds, as by or upon the Credit of that Act ſhould be Borrowed or Charged thereupon, and ſuch Intereſt for the ſame, as is therein mentioned, ſo as that the Tallies for the Principal Sums reſpectively ſhould be Paid in Courſe, according to their reſpective Dates, until the ſame ſhould be fully Diſcharged and Paid off, and the Intereſt upon every ſuch Tally ſhould be Paid every Three Months, until the Satisfaction of the Principal. And it was thereby further Enacted, That Weekly, and every Week, from and after the ſaid Twentieth Day of April, the Sum of Six hundred Pounds out of the Revenue of the General Letter-Office or Poſt-Office ſhould be Paid and Applied, and is

thereby Appropriated for Payment of ſuch Tallies of Pro or Aſſignment or other Tallies, as in the ſaid Act were mentioned to be already Levied, and to be then remaining unſatiſfied on that Revenue, and the Intereſt thereof, not exceeding the Rate of Six Pounds per Centum per Annum, until the ſame ſhould be fully Paid off; and from and after the Satisfaction thereof, then the like Weekly Sum out of that Office is to be Paid and Applied for Satisfaction of ſuch further Sums, not exceeding Forty five thouſand Pounds, as by or upon the Credit of that Act ſhould be Borrowed or Charged thereupon with Intereſt, as is therein mentioned, ſo as that the Tallies for the Principal Sums reſpectively ſhould be Paid in Courſe, according to their reſpective Dates, until the ſame ſhould be fully Diſcharged and Paid off; and the Intereſt upon every ſuch Tally ſhould be Paid every Three Months, until Satisfaction of the Principal, as by the ſaid Act more largely appears.

And whereas ſome Doubts have ariſen whether ſeveral of the Tallies which were Levied upon the ſaid reſpective Branches or Revenues, between the Two and twentieth Day of November, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety five (being the Firſt Day of the Seſſion in which the ſaid Act Paſſed) and the Four and twentieth Day of June, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſix, can or may be Paid out of the ſame Revenues Appropriated by the ſaid Act in Courſe, according to their reſpective Dates, in regard they were not Levied before the ſaid Two and twentieth Day of November, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety five, or by Virtue of the ſaid Act, or upon the Weekly Sums thereby Ap-

propriated, and whether the Interest of the said Tallies Levied between the said Two and twentieth Day of November, One thousand six hundred ninety five, and the said Four and twentieth Day of June, and the Interest of the Tallies Levied or to be Levied for the said Sum, not exceeding Four hundred thousand Pounds, can or may be Paid out of the said six thousand Pounds a Week first mentioned in and Appropriated by the said Act, until the Tallies Levied before the said Two and twentieth Day of November, One thousand six hundred ninety five, and the Interest thereof shall be Paid and Discharged.

For the Obviating and Clearing of which Doubts, and for the better Explanation of the said Act of Parliament, in Relation to the Payment of the said several Tallies, and the Interest thereof, Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all the Tallies of Pro, or other Tallies which have been Levied, and are Charged upon the said Hereditary and Temporary Excise, or either of them, or upon the said Weekly Sums of Six thousand Pounds Payable thereout, shall be duly Paid and Satisfied in Course, according to their respective Dates, and not otherwise, out of all the Weekly Sums of Six thousand Pounds a Week, Appropriated, as aforesaid, until they shall be fully Satisfied, without giving any undue Preference, by Paying any Tally or Tallies of Subsequent Date or Dates, before Tallies of Preceding Date or Dates, unless in Ca-

ſes where Money is Reſerved for Payment of the Preceding Tallies, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid Act; and that the Intereſt of all the ſaid Tallies in Courſe, ſhall be Paid and Payable every Three Months out of all the ſaid Weekly Sums of Six thouſand Pounds a Week; and that all the Tallies of Pro, or other Tallies which have been Levied, and are Charged upon the ſaid Revenue of the Poſt-Office, or upon the ſaid Weekly Sum of Six hundred Pounds Appropriated thereout ſhall be in like manner duly Paid and Satisfied in Courſe, according to their reſpective Dates, and not otherwiſe, out of the ſaid Weekly Sums of Six hundred Pounds a Week, Appropriated as aforeſaid, until they ſhall be fully Satisfied, and without giving any undue Preference, as aforeſaid; and that the Intereſt of the Tallies laſt mentioned ſhall be likewiſe Paid and Payable every Three Months, out of all the ſaid Weekly Sums of Six hundred Pounds a Week; and that for any Offence or Neglect in not duly Paying the Principal and Intereſt, or any Part thereof, or giving any undue Preference, contrary to the true Meaning of this Act, the reſpective Commiſſioners, or other Officers or Perſons who ſhall be Guilty thereof, ſhall Incur the ſame Penalties or Forfeitures, as by the ſaid Recited Act are Preſcribed in the like Caſe or Caſes for any ſuch Offence, any thing in this or the ſaid Recited Act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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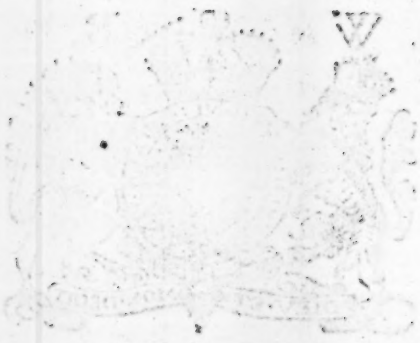

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An Act to Attaint Sir *John Fenwick* Baronet of High Treason.

WHereas Sir John Fenwick Baronet was, upon the Oaths of George Porter Esquire, and Cardell Goodman Gentleman, at the Sessions of Oyer and Terminer held for the City of London, on the Eight and twentieth Day of May, One thousand six hundred ninety six, Indicted of High Treason, in Compassing and Imagining the Death and Destruction of His Majesty, and Adhering to His Majesties Enemies, by Consulting and Agreeing with several Persons (whereof some have been already Attainted, and others not yet brought to their Tryal for the said Treasons) at several Meetings, to send Robert Charnock, since Attainted and Exe-

cuted for High Treason, in Conspiring to Assassinate his Majesties Sacred Person (whom God long preserve) to the late King James in France, to Incite and Incourage the French King to Invade this Kingdom with an Armed Force, by Promising to Joyn with, and Assist him with Men and Arms upon such Invasion; Of which Treasons the said Sir John Fenwick is Guilty. And Whereas the said Sir John Fenwick did obtain his Majesties Favour to have his Tryal Delayed from time to time, upon his Repeated Promises of making an ingenious and full Confession of his Knowledge of any Design or Conspiracy against his Majesties Person or Government, and of the Persons therein Concerned. And Whereas he has so far abused His Majesties great Clemency and Indulgence therein, That instead of making such Confession, he hath Contrived and Framed False and Scandalous Papers, as his Informations, Reflecting on the Fidelity of several Noble Peers, divers Members of the House of Commons, and others, only by Hearsay, and Contriving thereby to Undermine the Government, and Create Jealousies between the King and his Subjects, and to Stifle the Real Conspiracy. And Whereas Cardell Goodman, one of the Witnesses against the said Sir John Fenwick to prove the said Treason, lately and since the several times Appointed for the Tryal of the said Sir John Fenwick, at one of which times the said Sir John Fenwick

wick had been accordingly Tryed, had it not been for the Expectation of the said Discoveries so often Promised by him, is withdrawn, so that the said Cardell Goodman cannot be had to give Evidence upon any Tryal: Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Sir John Fenwick be, and is hereby Convicted and Attainted of High Treason, and shall Suffer the Pains of Death, and Incur all Forfeitures as a Person Attainted of High Treason.

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Anno Octavo

Gulielmi III. Regis.

An ACT to Attaint ſuch of the Perſons concerned in the late Horrid Conſpiracy to Aſſaſſinate His Majeſties Royal Perſon who are fled from Juſtice, unleſs they render themſelves to Juſtice, and for Continuing ſeveral others of the ſaid Conſpirators in Cuſtody.

Whereas in the Months of January and February laſt, there was a Horrid and Deteſtable Conſpiracy Formed and Carried on by Papiſts and other Wicked and Traiterous Perſons, to Aſſaſſinate and Deſtroy the Royal Perſon of our moſt Gracious Sovereign King William (whom God long preſerve) which Conſpiracy, had not God Almighty in His great Mercy prevented the Execution thereof, had deprived theſe Kingdoms

dems of the Enjoyment of their Liberties and Religion, involved them in Blood and Ruine, and subjected the People thereof to the Bondage and Oppression of Popery and Tyranny; for which Execrable and Bloody Treason several of the Conspirators have been Apprehended, Justly Condemned and Executed, and have upon their Deaths fully owned the Truth of the Accusations against them, and their being ingaged in the said Wicked Conspiracy; And several others herein after named, being Charged upon Oath before one or more of His Majesties Justices of the Peace, of having been privy to, and ingaged as Principal Contrivers of, and Actors in the said intended Assassination, notwithstanding several Proclamations Issued against them, have not rendred themselves, nor have been yet Apprehended, but are fled from Justice: Therefore to manifest the just Indignation We Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Assembled, have against so Barbarous and Villanous a Design, and the great Tenderness and Regard We bear for the Preservation of Your Majesties Royal Person and Government, to whom next under God We owe the recovery of our Religion and Liberties, when they were so near Expiring under the prevailing Influence of Popery and Arbitrary Power, and the Continuance and Enjoyment thereof at present, and that none of the said Conspirators by flying from the Ordinary Course of Justice may Escape Pu-

Punishment, which would be too great an Incouragement to other Wicked and Rebellious Persons to enter into the like Conspiracies hereafter, Do humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be Enacted: And be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if Sir George Barclay Knight, Johnson *alias* Harrison, Durant *alias* Durance, Michael Hare, Major George Holmes, Philip Hanford *alias* Browne, Richard Richardson, John Maxwell, Bryerly, Plowden, Hungate, shall not on or before the Five and twentieth Day of March, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, Render themselves to the Lord Chief Justice of His Majesties Court of Kings Bench, or to one of His Majesties Principal Secretaries of State, in order to their Trials for the Treason aforesaid, That then such of them the said Sir George Barclay Knight, Johnson *alias* Harrison, Durant *alias* Durance, Michael Hare, Major George Holmes, Philip Hanford *alias* Brown, Richard Richardson, John Maxwell, Bryerly, Plowden, Hungate, as shall not so Render him or themselves, as aforesaid, shall stand and be Convicted and Attainted, and are hereby Convicted and Attainted of High Treason, and shall suffer the Pains of Death, and incur all Forfeitures, Penalties and Disabilities as Traytors Convicted and Attainted of High Treason.

And whereas the Persons hereafter named, viz. Counter, John Bernardi, Robert Cassells, Robert Meldrum, James Chambers and Robert Blackbourne, have been Committed, and are still in Custody in Newgate for the said Conspiracy and Treason; Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Counter, John Bernardi, Robert Cassells, Robert Meldrum, James Chambers and Robert Blackbourne, and such other Persons who shall hereafter Render themselves, or shall be Apprehended, and against whom there shall be Evidence upon Oath of their being concerned in the said Barbarous and Bloody Conspiracy of Assassinating the Person of His Sacred Majesty, shall be Detained and Kept in Custody without Bail or Mainprize until the First Day of January, which shall be in the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, unless they shall be sooner Bailed by Order of Council, Signed by Six of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council.

FINIS.

Anno Regni
GULIELMI III.
REGIS
Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ,
OCTAVO.

At the Parliament begun at *Weſtminſter* the Two and twentieth Day of *November*, *Anno Dom.* 1695. In the Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *WILLIAM* the Third, by the Grace of God, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

And from thence Continued by ſeveral Prorogations and Adjournments to the Twentieth Day of *October*, 1696. being the Second Seſſion of this preſent Parliament.

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Gulielmi III. Regis.

An Act for Granting an Aid to His Majesty, as well by a Land Tax as by several Subsidies and other Duties payable for One Year.

E Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons in Parliament Assembled, considering the great and necessary Charge of the present War against France, and being desirous to Raise Proportionable Aids and Supplies for the Carrying on the same, and the Defence of Your Majesties Realms, do most Humbly present to Your Majesty (as an Aid or Free Gift) the several Tares, Rates, Duties and Sums of Money herein after Specified, Beseeching Your Majesty that it may be Enacted.

And be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every Person and Persons of what Estate, Degree, Age, Sex or Condition soever, they or any of them be or shall be at the time of the Execution of this Act, within this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, shall pay unto His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, within the space or time of One Year, to be reckoned from the Five and twentieth Day of January, One thousand six hundred ninety six, the full Sum of Four Shillings and Four Pence by Monthly Payments, as is herein after mentioned (that is to say) on the Two and twentieth Day of February, One thousand six hundred ninety six, Four Pence, and from thence forth at the end of every Eight and twenty Days, or Four Weeks, the like Sum of Four Pence, until the said Sum of Four Shillings and Four Pence shall be fully Satisfied; Except such Persons as shall Receive Alms of the Parish where they dwell, and also except such as are hereafter excepted.

4 s. 4 d. for One Year, to be paid by all Persons (not Receiving Alms) from 25th of January, 1696, by Monthly Payments, Reckoning 28 Days to each Month.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That over and above the said Duty of Four Pence per Month, every Person being a Domestick Servant, Covenant Servant (other than Day Labourers) Journeyman or other Servant, Hired, Entertained, or constantly Imployed, who at

13 d. per Pound, to be paid by all Servants (except Day-Labourers) for Wages of 4 l. per An. and not exceeding 8 l. per An.

the time of the Execution of this Act shall Receive, or is to Receive Wages Yearly or otherwise, amounting to Four Pounds per Annum or more, not exceeding Eight Pounds per Annum, for his, her, or their Service, shall Pay unto his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, within the Space or Term of One Year, to be reckoned, as aforesaid, the full Sum of Thirteen Pence, for every Twenty Shillings, to be computed upon the whole Wages Received, or to be Received by such Person or Persons respectively, by Monthly Payments (that is to say) so much as One Peny per Pound upon all the said Wages shall amount unto upon the said Two and Twentieth Day of February, and from thenceforth the like Sum at the end of every Eight and twenty Days, or Four Weeks, as aforesaid, until the said whole Sum of Thirteen Pence per Pound shall be fully Satisfied and Paid off within the Year, as aforesaid. And that over and above the said Duty of Four Pence per Month, every Servant (other than Day Labourers) Hired, Entertained or Imployed, as aforesaid, who at the time of the Execution of this Act shall Receive, or is to Receive Wages by Yearly or other Payments amounting to more than Eight Pounds per Annum, and not exceeding Sixteen Pounds per Annum, for his, her or their Service, shall Pay unto his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, within the said Term of One Year, the full Sum of Two Shillings and Two Pence for every Twenty Shillings, to be computed upon the Whole Wages, as afore-

2 s. 2 d. per pound for Wages, above 8 l. per An. and not exceeding 16 l. per An.

ſaid, by Monthly Payments (that is to ſay) ſo much as Two Pence per Pound upon all the ſaid Wages ſhall amount unto upon the ſaid Two and twentieth Day of February, and from thenceforth the like Sum at the end of every Eight and twenty Days, or Four Weeks, as aforeſaid, until the ſaid whole Sum of Two Shillings and Two Pence per Pound ſhall be fully ſatisfied and paid. And all and every Servant (other than Day Labourers) Hired, Entertained or Imployed, as aforeſaid, who at the time of the Execution of this Act ſhall Receive, or is to Receive Wages by Yearly or other Payments, amounting to more than Sixteen Pounds per Annum, ſhall (over and above the ſaid General Duty of Four Pence per Month) Pay unto His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, within the ſaid Term of One Year, the full Sum of Four Shillings and Four Pence for every Twenty Shillings, to be Computed upon the whole Wages, as aforeſaid, by Monthly Payments (that is to ſay) ſo much as Four Pence per Pound upon all the ſaid Wages ſhall amount unto, upon the ſaid Two and twentieth Day of February, and from thenceforth the like Sum at the end of every Eight and Twenty Days, or Four Weeks, as aforeſaid, until the ſaid whole Sum of Four Shillings and Four Pence per Pound ſhall be fully ſatisfied and paid.

4 s. 4 d. in the Pound for all Wages above 16 l. per An.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every Perſon or Perſons, Guilds, Fraternities, Bodies Politick or Corporate, having, or Claiming to

to have any Penſion, Annuity, Stipend or other yearly Payment, either out of the Receipt of His Majeſties Exchequer, or out of any Branch of His Majeſties Revenues, or payable or Secured to be paid by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever (not being Rents Iſſuing out of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, or Charged upon the ſame, and not being Annuities or yearly Payments, which by any Act or Acts of Parliament, Made or to be Made, are or ſhall be ſpecially exempted from the Payment of Taxes or Aids) ſhall Yield and Pay unto His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, Within the Space or Time of One Year, to be reckoned, as aforeſaid, the full Sum of Four Shillings and Four Pence for every Twenty Shillings by the Year, of ſuch Penſion, Annuity, Stipend or Yearly Payment, by Monthly Payments (that is to ſay) ſo much as Four Pence per Pound upon ſuch Penſion, Annuity, Stipend, or other Yearly Payments, ſhall amount unto on the ſaid Two and twentieth Day of February, and from thenceforth the like Sum at the end of every Eight and twenty Days, or Four Weeks, as aforeſaid, until the ſaid Whole Sum of Four Shillings and Four Pence per Pound, by ſuch equal Monthly Payments ſhall be fully ſatisfied and paid.

4 s. 4 d. in the Pound on all Penſions, Annuities, Stipends, or other yearly payments out of the Exchequer, or any Branch of His Majeſties Revenue (except Rents iſſuing out of Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, and ſuch Annuities as are or ſhall be exempted by Act of Parliament.)

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, Who at the time of the Execution of this Act, ſhall have, Receive or Enjoy, or are to have, Receive or

4 s. 4 d. in the pound for one Year out of the Salaries and Perquisites whatsoever, arising by any Offices or Imployments, Ecclesiastical, Civil or Military.

Enjoy, any Salary, Fee or Wages (such Wages as are before Charged by this Act only Excepted) or any Perquisites, Allowances, Poundage, Gratuities, Rewards, Emoluments, Income, or Profits whatsoever, or of any kind soever, as Great Officers of State, Commissioners, Judges, Masters in Chancery, Curitors, Philizers, Clerks in Chancery, or the Exchequer, and other Courts of Law or Equity, or other Clerks, or as Secondaries, Agents, Receivers, Accomptants, Stewards, Bayliffs, Reeves, or other Officers or Ministers, or by reason of any Commission, Office, Imployment or Place of Trust, whether the same be Great or Small, Ecclesiastical, Civil or Military, or do, or do not belong to any Court of Law or Equity, or have any Relation to his Majesties Revenues, or be of any other kind whatsoever, from and under his Majesty his Heirs or Successors, or by or under her Majesty Katherine the Queen Dowager of England, or by or under Their Royal Highnesses Prince George Hereditary of Denmark, and the Princess Ann of Denmark, or any of them, or by or under the Lord, or Lords of any Manor or Manors, or by or under any other Authority, or Persons whatsoever; and all and every their Clerks, Deputies, Assistants and Substitutes whatsoever (such Military Officers who are or shall be in Muster by the Muster-Master General of the Army, Navy or Ordnance in respect of such Offices only Excepted) shall Yield and Pay unto his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors (over

Imployments under the Q. Dowager, and the Prince and Princess of *Denmark*, and under Lords of Manors and others are to pay.

and above the Duty of Four Pence per Month, Charged upon all Persons, as is first above mentioned) within the Space or Time of One Year, to be reckoned, as aforesaid, the full Sum of Four Shillings and Four Pence for every Twenty Shillings by the Year, of such Salary, Fee, Wages, Perquisites, Allowances, Poundage, Gratuities, Rewards, Emoluments, Income or Profits, howsoever or wheresoever the same or any of them be or shall be Payable or Perceptible, or the Value Accruing or to Accrue, for or by reason or occasion thereof, the same to Paid by Monthly Payments (that is to say) so much as Four Pence per Pound, upon such Salary, Fee, Wages, Perquisites, and other the Premisses last mentioned, shall amount unto upon the said Two and twentieth Day of February, and from thenceforth the like Sum at the end of every Eight and twenty Days, or Four Weeks, as aforesaid, until the said Whole Sum of Four Shillings and Four Pence for every Twenty Shillings, by such equal Monthly Payments shall be fully satisfied and paid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Sergeants at Law, Barristers, Attorneys, Solicitors, and all Publick Notaries and Scriveners, or Persons practising as such, and every Chancellour, Commissary, Official and Register, and every Advocate, Proctor, Apparitor and Persons practising as such, all Broakers to Merchants, and all Factors, and other Persons acting by Commissions from Merchants

Practicers in the Law.

Factors.

Merchants or others, and all and every Person or Persons practising the Art of Physick or Chirurgery, and all Apothecaries, and all and every Person and Persons Exercising any other Professions whatsoever, not Charged with the Duty of Four Pence per Pound per Month by the Clause last aforegoing, shall Yield and Pay unto His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors (over and above the Personal Duty of Four Pence per Month first above mentioned) within the space or time of One Year, to be reckoned, as aforesaid, the full Sum of Four Shillings and Four Pence for every Twenty Shillings by the Year which he, she or they shall or may Receive, Perceive or Take for or by reason of such his, her or their Practices or Professions within the time aforesaid, by Monthly Payments (that is to say) so much as Four Pence per Pound upon the Yearly Income or Profits of their and every of their said Practices or Professions last mentioned shall amount unto upon the said Two and twentieth Day of February, and from thenceforth the like Sum at the end of every Eight and Twenty Days, or Four Weeks, as aforesaid, until the said Whole Sum of Four Shillings and Four Pence for every Twenty Shillings of the said Yearly Income or Profits, by such equal Monthly Payments shall be fully satisfied and paid.

Practicers of Physick and other Professions.

The first Payment on the 22d Day of Feb. 1696.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, Guilds and Fraternities within this Kingdom

Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, at the time of the Execution of this Act, having any Estate in Ready Money, or having any Debts whatsoever owing to them at Interest within this Realm, or without, or belonging to or in trust for them, whether the same be owing upon Mortgages, Judgments, Statutes Merchant or of the Staple, Recognizances, Bonds, Bills Obligatory, or other Specialties, or upon any Notes or Bills or any other Securities for Money at Interest (such Loans or Debts as are or shall be owing from His Majesty to any Person or Persons whatsoever, and all Arrears of Rent Excepted) shall (over and above the Rates and Duties before by this Act Charged upon such Persons) yield and pay unto His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, within One Year, to be reckoned, as aforesaid, at the Rate of Five and twenty Shillings for every Hundred Pounds in Ready Money, or upon Debts owing, as aforesaid, by Monthly Payments (that is to say) so much as One Farthing for every Pound, or the Rate of Two Shillings and a Peny for every Hundred Pounds shall amount unto, upon the Five and twentieth Day of February, One thousand six hundred ninety six, and from thenceforth upon the Five and twentieth Day in every Kalendary Month then next and succesively ensuing, the like Sum, until the said whole Sum of Twenty five Shillings per Centum, or proportionably for a greater or lesser Sum in Ready Money, or upon Debts owing,

25 s. for One Year, to be Paid for all Ready Money and Debts by 12 Monthly Payments.

The first Payment on the 25th of February, 1696.

owing, as aforesaid, by such equal Monthly Payments shall be fully satisfied and paid; out of which Payments a Deduction shall be only made for Debts really and bona fide owing from such Person or Persons at Interest.

50 s. to be Paid for every 100 l. of Stock in Trade, by 12 Monthly Payments.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, Guilds and Fraternities within this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, Using or Exercising any Trade, Mystery, Occupation or Business of Merchandizing, Shopkeeping, or other Buying or Selling, by Wholesale or by Retail, who at the time of the Execution of this Act shall have or possess, to his, her or their own Use, or for the Use and Account of any other Person or Persons, any Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, Commodities, Manufactures, or Vendible Stock whatsoever within this Realm of England, or the Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, shall (over and above all other Rates and Duties before Charged by this Act upon such Person or Persons) yield and pay to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors for the same within one Year, to be reckoned, as aforesaid, at the Rate of Fifty Shillings for every Hundred Pounds, of the full true and real Value of such Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, Commodities, Manufactures, or Vendible Stock whatsoever (as fully and effectually, as if the same were in this Act particularly Enumerated and Expressed)

and proportionably for a greater or leſſer Value, by Monthly Payments (that is to ſay) ſo much as One Half Peny for every Pound, or the Rate of Four Shillings and Two Pence for every Hundred Pound in Value ſhall amount unto, upon the ſaid Five and twentieth Day of February, and from thenceforth the like Sum, upon the Five and twentieth Day of every Kalendary Month then next and ſucceſſively enſuing, until the ſaid Whole Sum of Fifty Shillings per Centum, or proportionably for a greater or leſſer Value, by ſuch equal Monthly Payments, ſhall be fully ſatisfied and paid.

12 s. for every 100 l. quick Stock upon Land.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every Perſon or Perſons, having in his, her or their Tenure, Poſſeſſion or Occupation, any Lands Arable, Meadow, or Paſture, Tenements, Woods or Hereditaments, whereupon at the time of the Execution of this Act, there ſhall be any Horſes, Mares, Geldings, Colts, Bulls, Oxen, Cows, Calves, Sheep, Lambs, Swine, or other Cattel great or ſmall, whether the ſame do belong to ſuch Perſons reſpectively, or are taken by way of Agiſtment, or to keep for others, or any other Quick Stock upon Land, ſhall (over and above all other Rates and Duties before Charged by this Act upon ſuch Perſon or Perſons) yield and pay to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors for the ſame, within One Year, to be reckoned, as aforeſaid, at the Rate of Twelve Shillings for every Hundred Pounds of the true and

real Value thereof, by Monthly Payments (that is to say) so much as Twelve Pence for every Hundred Pound, or proportionably for a greater or lesser Value shall amount unto, upon the said Five and twentieth Day of February, and from thenceforth the like Sum upon the Five and twentieth Day of every Kalendary Month then next and successively ensuing, until the said Whole Sum of Twelve Shillings for every Hundred Pounds, or proportionably for a greater or lesser Value, by such equal Monthly Payments, shall be fully satisfied and paid: All which said Rates, Duties and Payments, shall be Assessed, Raised, Levied, Collected and Paid, in such Manner, and under such Rules, Authorities and Directions, as are herein after mentioned.

The Wives and Children under the Age of 16 years, of such as are Chargeable only with 4 *d. per* Month are exempt from the said 4 *d. per* Month.

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted, That the Wives, and all such Children under the Age of Sixteen Years, of all Persons who are by this Act Charged with the first mentioned Rate or Duty of Four Pence per Month, and are not Chargeable with any other of the Rates or Duties herein Imposed, shall be, and such Wives and Children are hereby Exempted, and Freed of and from the Payment of the said first mentioned Duty of Four Pence per Month, any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

A Pound Rate of 3 *s.* for every 20 *s.* of the true yearly Value of all Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments.

And to the end a further Aid and Supply for His Majesties Occasions may be Raised by a Charge upon all Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, with as much Equality and Indifference as is possible, by a

Pound Rate of Three Shillings for every Twenty Shillings of the true Yearly Value for One Year, and no longer; and to the Intent the Injustice and Partiality which hath been manifestly practised in former Taxations upon Land may be avoided and remedied in the Assessments upon Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments intended to be made by Virtue of this Act; Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Manors, Messuages, Lands and Tenements, as also all Quarries, Mines of Coal, Tin or Lead, Copper, Mundick Iron or other Mines, Iron-Works, Salt-Springs, and Salt-Works, all Allom Mines or Works, all Parks, Chases, Warrens, Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, and all Fishings, Tythes and Tolls whatsoever, and also all Annuities, Rents-Charge, and other Rents and yearly Profits Issuing or Payable of or for any Estate, Term or Interest whatsoever, out of any Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, and all Hereditaments of what Nature and Kind soever they be, Situate, Lying and Being, Happening, Renewing or Arising within the Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, or Within any the Counties, Cities, Boroughs, Towns, Divisions, Ridings, Hundreds, Lathes, Wapentakes, Parishes and Places thereof, as well Within Ancient Demesne, and other Liberties and Priviledged Places as without, shall be, and are hereby Charged for One Year only, and no longer, With the Sum of Three Shillings for

Viz. of all Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements Quarries, Mines, Iron-Works, Salt-Springs, Salt-Works and Allom-Works, Parks, Chases, Warrens, Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, Fishings, Tythes and Tolls, Annuities, Rents-Charge, and Yearly profits whatsoever.

for every Twenty Shillings, of the True and full Yearly Value, and so in Proportion for any greater or lesser Value: And all and every Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, Guilds, Mysteries, Fraternities and Brotherhoods, whether Corporate or not Corporate, having or holding any Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or other the Premisses, shall yield and pay unto His Majesty, the Sum of Three Shillings for every Twenty Shillings by the Year, which the said Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, and other the Premisses, are now worth to be Leased, if the same were truly and bona fide Leased or Demised at a Rack Rent, and according to the full true Yearly Value thereof, without any respect had to the present Rents reserved for the same, if such Rents have been reserved upon such Leases or Estates made, for which any Fine or Income hath been Paid or Secured, or have been Lessened or Abated upon Consideration of Money laid out, or to be laid out in Improvements, and without any respect had to any other Rates or Taxes thereupon Imposed, or making any Abatement in respect of Reparations, Taxes, Scots, Parish Duties, or any other Charges whatsoever; Which said Sum of Three Shillings for every Twenty Shillings by the Year, of the said true yearly Value of all the Premisses aforesaid, shall be Assessed, Levied and Collected in manner hereafter mentioned, and shall be Paid and Payable by all and every the said Person or

To be Rated according to the full yearly Value, without respect to the present Rents reserved.

Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, Guilds, Mysteries, Fraternities or Brotherhoods, having or holding any such Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and other the Premisses, by Twelve equal Monthly Payments; the First Payment thereof to be made on the said Five and twentieth Day of February, Which shall be in the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred ninety six, and every other Monthly Payment, to be made on the Five and twentieth Day of every subsequent Kalendary Month successively, until the whole shall be Satisfied.

To be paid by 12 equal Monthly Payments. The first Payment to be made on the 25th Day of Feb. 1696.

And Whereas many of the Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tythes, Hereditaments and Premisses intended by this Act to be Charged with the Pound Rates, as aforesaid, stand Incumbred With, or are subject or liable to the Payment of several Rent-Charges or Annuities Issuing out of the same, or to the Payment of divers Fee-Farm Rents, Rents-Service or other Rents thereupon Reserved or Charged, by reason whereof the true Owners and Proprietors of such Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premisses, do not in truth receive to their own Use the true Yearly Value of the same, for Which nevertheless they are by this Act Charged to Pay the full Pound Rate of Three Shillings for every Twenty Shillings of the true Yearly Value, It is therefore Declared and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Landlords, Own-

The Owners of any Lands, &c. which are liable to any Rents-Charge, Annuities, Fee-Farm Rents, Rents-Service, or other Rents, to deduct 3 s. in the Pound thereout, and to be Allowed it by the Persons intituled to the said Rents.

ers and Proprietors of such Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premisses, as are Charged With the Pound Rate, as aforesaid, to Abate and Deduct, and to Retain and Keep in his or their Hands Three Shillings in the Pound, and so in Proportion for any greater or lesser Sum, for every Fee-Farm Rent, or other Annual Rent or Payment Charged upon or Issuing out of the Premisses, or any part thereof, or thereupon reserved; And all and every Person or Persons, Who are or shall be any Way Intituled to such Rents and Annual Payments, are hereby required to Allow such Deductions and Payments upon the Receipt of the Residue of such Moneys as shall be due and payable to them for such Rents or Annual Payments reserved or charged, as aforesaid.

His Majesty to Appoint Commissioners for the Execution of this Act under the Great Seal.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for the better Charging, Assessing, Ordering, Levying and Collecting of the several Taxes, Rates, Duties, Impositions and Payments by this Act Imposed or Chargeable, as well upon Persons, Wages, Profits of Offices and Professions, Ready Money, Debts, Stock in Trade, and Stock upon Land, as also upon Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, or any other Matters and Things by this Act intended to be Charged, and for the more Effectual putting in Execution of this present Act in all the parts thereof, It shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty, under the Great Seal of England, to Nominate, Constitute and Appoint such, and so many Person and

Persons, as His Majesty shall think fit to Intrust to be His Majesties Commissioners for putting in Execution this present Act, and the Powers therein contained, within all and every the several Counties, Cities, Ridings, Boroughs, Towns and Places within the said Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, which said Commissioners in the several Counties, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Towns and Places, whereunto they shall be generally or specially Appointed, and in the Execution of such Powers and Directions wherewith they or any of them shall be generally or particularly Intrusted or Charged by such Commissions, in pursuance of this Act, shall have full Power and Authority by Virtue of this Act, to begin, proceed and finish, in all Matters and Things, as fully and effectually, as if they were particularly named in the Body of this present Act; And the said Commissioners, in order thereunto, shall, in the respective Counties, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Towns and Places for which they shall be Appointed Commissioners, respectively Meet together at the most Usual and Common Place of Meeting within each of the said Counties, Cities, Boroughs, Towns and Places respectively, upon or before the Twentieth Day of February, which shall be in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand six hundred ninety six; And the said Commissioners, or so many of them as shall be present at the said first General Meeting, or the Major part of them, are here-

The Commissioners to meet at the usual Places, upon or before the 20th Day of *Feb.* 1696.

hereby Authorized and Required, to put this present Act in Execution according to the best of their Judgments and Discretions, and shall then (if they shall see Cause) Subdivide and Distribute, as well themselves as other Commissioners then not present, for the Execution of this Act, in lesser Numbers, so as Three or more of the said Commissioners may be Appointed for the Service of each Hundred or other Division, and so as may best conduce to the Carrying on of His Majesties Service hereby Required.

The Commissioners to Subdivide, so as there be Three or more to every Division.

And for the more effectual performance thereof, Be it further Enacted and Declared by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners at their First General Meeting (or the major part of them then present) shall agree and set down in Writing, Who, and what Number of the said Commissioners shall act in each of the said Divisions or Hundreds; Nevertheless, not thereby to Restrain the said Commissioners from acting as Commissioners in any other County, Division or Place for which they shall be Nominated, and deliver a true Copy of such Writing to the Receiver General, to the end that there be no Failure in any part of the due Execution of the Service by this Act Required.

The Commissioners at their first Meeting to give an Account in Writing to the Receiver General of the Commissioners Appointed for each Division.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners shall Direct their several or joint Precept or Precepts to such Inhabitants, High-Constables, Petty Constables, Bayliffs, or other like Officers or Ministers, and such

The Commissioners to Issue their Precepts to such as they think fit to be Presenters or Assessors to Appear before them at

Number of them, as they in their Diſcretion ſhall think moſt convenient to be Preſenters and Aſſeſſors, Requiring them to Appear before the ſaid Commiſſioners, at ſuch Place and Time, not exceeding Five Days, as they ſhall Appoint; And at ſuch their Appearances the ſaid Commiſſioners, or ſuch of them that ſhall be then preſent, ſhall openly Read or cauſe to be Read unto them the ſeveral Rates, Duties and Charges in this Act mentioned, and alſo openly Declare the Effect of their Charge to them, and how and in What manner they ought and ſhould make their Certificates, and how they ought to proceed in the Execution of this Act, according to the Rates aforeſaid; And if any ſuch Conſtable, Petty Conſtable, Bailiff, Inhabitants, or other Officers or Miniſters, to whom any Precept ſhall be Directed, ſhall Abſent themſelves without lawful Excuſe to be made out by the Oaths of Two Credible Witneſſes (which Oaths the Commiſſioners, or any Two of them, are hereby Impowered to Adminiſter) or if any Perſon Appearing ſhall Refuſe to Serve, then every ſuch Perſon ſo making Default, or Refuſing to Serve, ſhall for every time of ſuch Default or Refuſal, Forfeit and Loſe unto His Majeſty ſuch Sums as the Commiſſioners, or ſo many as ſhall be preſent, or the major part of them being preſent, ſhall think fit, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, nor leſs than Fourty Shillings; And at and after ſuch General Meeting, and Charge given, as aforeſaid, the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall take

a Place and Time not exceeding Five Days.

Then to read the Rates, and charge them with the Execution of the Act.

Perſons to whom Precepts directed, abſenting without excuſe, or refuſing to Serve, to Forfeit a Sum not exceeding 5 *l.* nor leſs than 40 *s.*

At and after the General Meeting the Commiſſioners to Direct Warrants to Two of the moſt ſufficient Inhabitants of each Pariſh, &c. Requiring them to be Aſſeſſors.

care, That Warrants be Iſſued forth and Directed to Two at leaſt of the moſt Able and Sufficient Inhabitants of each Pariſh, Townſhip or Place within their reſpective Diviſions, thereby Appointing and Requiring them to be Aſſeſſors of all and every the Rates and Duties by this Act Impoſed, and ſhall therein alſo Appoint and Prefix a certain Day and Place for the ſaid Aſſeſſors to Appear before them, and to Bring in their Certificates in Writing, of the Names and Sirnames of all and every Perſon or Perſons Dwelling or Reſiding within the reſpective Limits of thoſe Places with which they ſhall be Charged, upon whom any the Rates, Duties or Payments, in this Act before Specified and Declared, are to be Set and Impoſed, and to diſtinguiſh in ſeveral Collumes to be contained in one or more Books or Sheets of Paper, the Particulars following, (viz.) The Tax which is to be Paid by ſuch Perſons as are Chargeable with the ſaid General Duty of Four Pence per Month, The Value of the Wages for which any Perſons are to be Rated, and the Monthly Rate to be Paid by them reſpectively, The ſeveral Penſions, Annuities, Stipends or other Yearly Payments which any Perſons do Receive or are Intituled unto, and the Monthly Rate thereupon, The Nature and Value of the ſeveral Offices, Imployments, Places of Truſt or Profeſſions Held, Enjoyed, Exerciſed or Uſed by any of the ſaid Perſons, and the Monthly Rate or Rates thereupon, The Sums in Ready Money, together with

And to prefix the Aſſeſſors a Day and Place for bringing in Certificates of the Names of the Perſons within their Diviſion, which Certificates are to contain in Collums,

The Tax payable by Perſons Chargeable with the 4 *d.* *per* Month.

The Value of the Wages to be Rated.

The Penſions, Stipends, or other yearly Payments.

The Nature and Value of Offices, Imployments and Profeſſions.

the Debts at Interest which shall be owing to any of the said Persons, and the Monthly Rate to be Charged thereupon, The Trade, Mystery or Occupation of all Persons Chargeable for Stock in Trade, and the true Value of such their Stock respectively, with the Monthly Rate or Payment thereupon, The true and real Value of every Persons Stock upon Land, and the Monthly Rate to be paid thereupon: And the said Assessors shall duly Assess and Tax the same to and with the several Duties by this Act intended, and they or any others, which the said Commissioners shall appoint to be Assessors in this behalf, are to be required, and are hereby enjoyned to Ascertain and Inform themselves by all Lawful Ways and means they can of the true and full yearly Value of all Manors, Messuages, Lands and Tenements, as also of all Quarries, Mines of Coal, Tin or Lead, Copper, Mundick, or other Mines, Iron-Works, Salt-Springs, and Salt-Works, Allom-Mines and Works, Parks, Chases, Warrens, Woods, Underwoods and Coppices, and all Fishings, Tythes, Tolls and other Yearly profits, and of all Hereditaments of what Nature or Kind soever, situate, lying and being, happening or arising within the Limits of those Places with which they shall be Charged; And in all Cases where any Rent reserved or payable upon any Lease for Life, Lives, or Years, or otherwise, for any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments or other the Premisses, is less than the

The Ready Money and Debts at Interest.

The Stock in Trade, and the Monthly Charges on the Premisses respectively.

The Assessors to inform themselves of the yearly Value of all Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever.

the real Yearly Improved Value, or not so much as might be paid by a Rack-Rent for the same, Whether such Low Rent be Occasioned by a Fine, or by a Beneficial Bargain, or any other Accident or Cause Whatsoever, In all such Cases, The Assessors are hereby strictly Enjoyned and Required to take particular Care to Inform themselves, how much such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or other the Premisses are, bona fide, Worth by the Year above the Reserved Rent, and to Charge Three Shillings in the Pound for such over Value, upon the Tenant, in addition to the Tax to be paid for the Reserved Rent; And the said Assessors being so Ascertained of all and singular the Premisses aforesaid, they are to Assess all and every the said Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Premisses before Appointed to be Charged, after the Rate of Three Shillings for every Twenty Shillings of the full Yearly Value, taking Care (where it can conveniently be done) to describe the Names of the Manors, Farms, or other entire Things that shall be so Charged; And the said Assessors, in their Books or Papers of the several Assessments aforesaid, shall insert such other Particulars or Descriptions, as may best ascertain the Rates hereby intended to be Imposed, and shall bring with them at the Time and Place so, as aforesaid, prefixed for their Appearance, their Books, or Certificates in Writing of all the said Assessments; And the said several Assessors who shall make

And to Assess the same at the Rate of 3 s. for every 20 s. of the full yearly Value.

the ſaid Aſſeſſments, ſhall, by Virtue of this Act, within the Limits and Bounds of thoſe Pariſhes, Townſhips, Conſtablewicks, or Places where they ſhall be Chargeable reſpectively, be Collectors of the Moneys to be Paid to His Majeſty by this Act; For whoſe Paying in to the Head Collector in manner hereafter mentioned, ſuch Moneys as they ſhall be Charged withal, the Pariſh or Place wherein they are ſo Imployed ſhall be Anſwerable: And if any Aſſeſſor, ſo as aforeſaid, Appointed or to be Appointed, ſhall neglect or refuſe to Serve, or ſhall make Default, at the time Appointed for his Appearance (not having a Lawful Excuſe, to be Witneſſed by the Oaths of Two Credible Witneſſes (which Oath the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Two or more of them, have Power to Adminiſter) or ſhall not Perform his Duty, every ſuch Aſſeſſor ſhall for every ſuch Neglect, Refuſal or Default, Forfeit and Loſe to His Majeſty ſuch Sum as the Commiſſioners, or ſo many of them as ſhall be preſent, or the major Part of them, ſhall think fit, not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Pounds, nor under the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be Levied by Diſtreſs, and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattels, in like manner as by this Act is Appointed for the Levying of the ſeveral Rates and Aſſeſſments herein mentioned, in caſe of Neglect or Refuſal of Payment, and to be Charged upon the reſpective Receivers General, together with the ſaid Rates and Aſſeſſments: And every Aſſeſſor Appointed, or to be Appointed,

The Aſſeſſors to be the Collectors of the Moneys payable by this Act.

The Pariſh, &c. to be anſwerable for their paying it to the Head Collectors.

An Aſſeſſor refuſing to Serve, or making Default (without a lawful excuſe) Forfeits a Sum not exceeding 20 *l.* nor leſs than 10 *l.*

Assessors to take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and an Oath for the faithful execution of his Duty as an Assessor.

pointed, by Virtue of this Act, shall before he take upon him the Execution of the said Imployment, take the Oaths mentioned and required to be taken, by an Act made in the Parliament, held in the First Year of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act for the Abrogating the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, and Appointing other Oaths; And also take an Oath in these words following,

YOU shall Swear well and truly, diligently and faithfully to Perform and Execute the Duty of an Assessor, and to cause the Rates and Duties Imposed by an Act, Intituled, *An Act for Granting an Aid to His Majesty, as well by a Land Tax as by several Subsidies and other Duties payable for One Year*, to be duly and fully Assessed, according to the best of your Skill and Judgment, and therein you shall Spare no Person for Favour or Affection, nor any Person Grieve for Hatred or Ill will.

So help you God.

The Oaths to be Administred by two or more of the Commissioners.

Which Oaths any Two or more of the said Commissioners in the County, City or Place where the said Assessment is to be made, have hereby Power, and are hereby Required to Administer.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Rates and Assessments, as well of Four Pence per Month upon all Persons (Except, as aforesaid) as also upon Wages and upon Pensions, Annuities, Stipends and other Yearly Payments, and upon Offices, Imployments, Places of Trust, and Professions, and upon Ready Moneys and Debts, and upon Stock in Trade, Stock upon Land, and also the Tarations and Assessments of the Pound Rate of Three Shillings in the Pound of the true Yearly Value of all Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premisses, and all other Tares and Duties Chargeable by this Act, shall be made and ascertained, and the several and respective Certificates or Assessments thereof returned in to the Commissioners upon or before the Fifth Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety six, unless the Commissioners shall think fit to give further times for the doing thereof; And upon return of any such Certificate or Assessment, the Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, shall and may (if they see cause) Examine the Presenters thereof; And if the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, Within their several Limits, at the time of the return of the Certificates, as aforesaid, or Within Twenty Days after, shall know or have good cause to suspect that any Person or Persons, Wages, Pensions, Annuities, Stipends or other Yearly Payments, Offices, Imployments, Professions, Ready Money,

The Assessments to be made, and Certificates thereof returned to the Commissioners by the 5th Day of *March* 1696. unless the Commissioners give further time.

Commissioners may examine the Presenters at the return of the Certificates, or within 20 days after.

Money, Debts, Stocks, or any the Manors, Messuages, Lands or other Matters or Things which ought to be Contained and Charged in the said Certificates, is or are omitted, or are not fully Charged, according to the true meaning of this Act, the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, shall have Power to Summon such Person or Persons, or the Owners or Possessors of such Manors, Lands, Stocks or other the Premisses, to appear before them at a Day and Place prefixt, to be Examined touching the Matters aforesaid; And if the Person or Persons Summoned to be so Examined shall neglect to appear, (not having a reasonable Excuse for such his Default) every Person so making a Default shall pay to His Majesty double the Sum he should or ought to have been Set at or Rated: And moreover the said Commissioners, or the major part of them, or of so many of them as shall be present, shall have full power by all Lawful Ways and means to Examine and Inform themselves upon Oath (which they are hereby Impowered to Administer) of all Persons and Things omitted to be Charged, or that are under Assessed, or under Charged, and to Set such Rate or Rates upon the same as shall be according to the true intent and meaning of this Act: And the said Assessors are hereby required to give the Copies of their Certificates or Assessments fairly Written and Subscribed by them unto the said Commissioners, by whom they were appointed: And the said Commissioners, or any Two

If the Commissioners suspect any thing contained in the Certificates is not duly Charged, they may Summon the Owners or Possessors of the Premisses, to appear at a Day and Place to be Examin'd, who for Neglect or Default (without lawful Excuse) forfeit to His Majesty double the Sum they should have been Rated at.

The Commissioners to inform themselves upon Oath, of any Omissions or under-Assessments, and to set such Rates as shall be according to the meaning of the Act.

The Assessors to give Copies of their Assessments to the Commissioners.

or more of them, are hereby Ordered and Required to cause the said several and respective Assessments to them delivered (when by them approved of, or altered, according to the true intent of this Act) to be fairly Written, and to Sign and Seal several Duplicates or Copies of the said Assessments, distinguisht, as aforesaid; And the Copy or Copies of them so Signed and Sealed forthwith to deliver or cause to be delivered back to the said Assessors, who are to Collect by the same; And shall likewise deliver or cause to be delivered other Copies thereof so Signed and Sealed unto the Receivers General, or their Head Collectors or Deputies, according to their several and respective Collections and Receipts; And moreover the said Commissioners shall cause true Copies or Extracts of the Whole Sums Assessed and Charged within every Hundred, Lathe, Wapentake, Parish, Ward or Place, Rated or Assessed to the Tax of Three Shillings in the Pound, in pursuance of this Act, and of the Whole Sum Rated or Assessed, as well for the Four Pence per Month upon all Persons, as also upon Wages, Pensions, Annuities, Stipends or other Annual Payments, Professions, Offices, Imployments, Ready Money, Debts, and Stocks distinguisht, as aforesaid, to be Certified and Transmitted into His Majesties Court of Exchequer, under the Hands and Seals of any Two or more of the Commissioners, but without Naming the Persons in such Certificates; And this the said Commissioners shall cause to be done upon or before the Tenth

The Commissioners to deliver back Duplicates thereof to the Assessors to Collect by, and to the Receivers General or their Head Collectors.

Certificates of all the Assessments to be returned into the Exchequer, on or before the 10th of *March*, 1696. or within 40 days after.

Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety six, or within Forty Days after (all Appeals to them made being first Determined) And the Kings Remembrancer in the Exchequer, for the time being, shall, and is hereby Required, within Three Months after Duplicates of the last Payment shall be Transmitted to him, to Transcribe all the Schedules and Duplicates, of the Sums Returned to him, from and for every respective County, Riding, City and Town, and every Hundred, Wapentake, Parish, Division, Town and Place therein, in a Book or Books of Parchment, in Alphabetical Order, and in a Fair Legible hand Writing, and within Three Months after the same shall be so by him Received, to Transmit all and every the same Schedules and Duplicates, to the Office of Writer of the Talleys, commonly called the Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer, who is hereby likewise Authorized and Required to Enter the same, in the like Alphabetical Order, in another Book of Parchment Fairly Written, to be provided for that Purpose.

The Kings Remembrancer within three Months after the Duplicates of last Payment returned, to transmit Copies to the Auditor of the Receipt.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Persons so appointed to be Collectors, as aforesaid, shall Levy and Collect all and every the Tares, Rates or Duties so Assessed and Charged, according to the Intent and Direction of this Act, which said Collectors are hereby required to Demand all and every the Sum and Sums of Money which shall be so Tared and Assessed for the said Duty of Four Pence per Month, payable by all Per-

The Assessments to be Collected Monthly, or within 14 days after they become due.

ſons, except as herein excepted; and for the ſaid Duties on Wages, Penſions, Annuities, Stipends, or other Annual Payments, and for the ſaid Profits of Offices, Imployments or Profeſſions, Monthly, and every Month, as the ſame ſhall become due, or within Fourteen Days after the ſeveral Days and Times hereby appointed for the Payment thereof reſpectively; And the ſame Collectors, or ſuch other Collectors as ſhall be appointed by the Commiſſioners in this behalf, ſhall Demand all and every the Sum and Sums of Money which ſhall be Tared or Aſſeſſed, as aforeſaid, for Ready Moneys, Debts, Stock in Trade, or Stock upon Land, and for the ſaid Tax of Three Shillings in the Pound, upon all Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and other the Premiſſes, Monthly, as the ſame are before in and by this Act Directed and Appointed to be paid, or within Fourteen Days after any ſuch Monthly Payments ſhall become due; Which ſaid Demands ſhall and may be made of the Parties themſelves, if they can be found, or elſe at the place of their laſt abode, or upon the Premiſſes Charged with the Aſſeſſment: And the ſaid ſeveral Collectors ſhall Collect and Levy the ſaid Moneys ſo Charged for His Majeſties Uſe, and are hereby Required and Enjoyned to pay unto the reſpective Head Collectors, all and every the ſaid Rates, Duties and Aſſeſſments by them reſpectively Collected or Received, within Fourteen Days next and immediately after the ſeveral and reſpective Days and Times

Collectors to pay what they receive to the Head Collectors within 14 days after the times prefixt for demanding the ſame.

Times by this Act Prefixed or Appointed for the Demanding, Receiving and Levying of the same, as aforesaid, at such Place or Places as the Commissioners, or any Two or more of them shall appoint, so as that within every Fourteen Days next and immediately after the utmost times hereby prefixed for the Demanding, Receiving or Levying all and every the said Monthly Payments, the Whole Sum due for such Monthly Payments respectively, shall be Paid or Answered by the Collectors to the said Head Collectors respectively.

Commissioners to appoint other Collectors in the rooms of such as die, are sick, fail, or are overburthened.

Provided always, and it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from time to time, as often as the Commissioners of any County, Hundred, Division or Place, or any Two or more of them, by reason of the Sickness, Death or Failing of any of the said Collectors, or by reason of the great Labour and Burthen which any Collector in Populous Places must undergo, if they should continue in the Collection during the continuance of this Act, shall find it necessary or reasonable to put other Collectors in the Rooms or Places of any such Collector or Collectors so Dead, Sick, Failed or Overburthened with the Duty of his Place, It shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them, to Issue their Precepts or Warrants to the Chief Inhabitants, High Constables, Petty Constables, Bayliffs or other-like Officers or Ministers of the Place, or to such Number of them as they shall think Convenient, Requiring

quiring them to return the Names of One, Two or more Able and Sufficient Persons, living within the Limits and Bounds of those Parishes, Townships, Constablewicks or Places respectively, to be the Collector or Collectors of the Moneys to be Paid to his Majesty there, for whom the Parish or Place shall be answerable; And upon such Presentment, the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them, as aforesaid, shall and may Authorize and Appoint such Person or Persons so Presented to be Collector or Collectors in the Room or Place of any Collector or Collectors that shall be Dead, Sick, Failed or Overburthened, as aforesaid; Which new Collector or Collectors so Appointed or Authorized shall be Subject to the same Fines and Penalties for the Non-performing of his or their Duties, and shall have the same Powers, Authorities and Allowances, and be under the same Rules and Directions, as are by this Act Provided for the preceeding Collectors, in case they had continued in their respective Offices or Places.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Head Collectors shall call upon and hasten the Subcollectors to the said Payments; And in case all and every the said Rates, Duties and Assessments shall not be Collected, by reason of Neglect or Failure of Duty of the said Subcollectors, the said Head Collectors are to Levy by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any Two or more of the said Commissioners, by Distress upon the Subcol-

The Head Collectors to hasten the Subcollectors, and in case of Neglect or Failure, to Distrain upon the Subcollectors.

lectors respectively, such Sum and Sums of Money, as by him and them ought to have been Paid, and is or are not Paid, by reason of his Failure in doing his Duty, according to the Directions of this Act: And every Head Collector is hereby Required to make Payment of all and every the Sum or Sums of Money, which shall be so from time to time by him or them Received, unto the Receiver General of the respective Counties, Cities or Places, to be Appointed by His Majesty, within Seven Days after the times hereby Appointed for the Payment thereof by the Subcollectors unto such Head Collectors. And the respective Receivers General are likewise Required to call upon and hasten the said Head Collectors, and to Pay what they shall from time to time Receive from the said Head Collectors, into His Majesties Receipt of Exchequer, within Seven Days after the respective Days and Times herein before Prefixed and Appointed for the Payment thereof, by the said Head Collectors to the Receiver General. And all Commissioners, Collectors, Head Collectors and Receivers are hereby Required and Enjoyned to Apply themselves with all Diligence, to the most Speedy and Effectual Execution of their several and respective Duties, and to use their utmost Endeavours, that all Persons and Estates, and other things herein Charged, may fully and duly Pay the Rates and Assessments, according to the Direction of this Act; and so as that His Majesties Services herein may not be Delayed or Hindred through

The Head Collector to make Payment to the Receiver General within Seven Days after the times for Payment by the Subcollectors.

The Receiver General to hasten the Head Collectors: And to Pay what he Receives from the Head Collector into the Exchequer within Seven Days after the times Prefixt for Payment by the Head Collector.

All Persons concern'd in the execution of this Act to use diligence.

through any of their Willful Neglect or Default.

And it is further Enacted and Declared by the Authority aforesaid, That the Moneys Received by the Subcollectors, within their respective Divisions or Hundreds, shall from time to time be duly Paid to the Head Collectors, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Discharge unto every such Subcollector; Which Subcollector for Gathering the said particular Sums, shall Retain in his Hands for every Twenty Shillings by him so Paid, Four Pence, for a Reward for his Pains and Service; And the said Head Collector shall accordingly Pay over the said Moneys unto the Receiver General of each County, City or Place respectively, in manner aforesaid (which Head Collector or Collectors shall be Nominated and Appointed by the Receiver General of the respective Counties) which said Receiver General shall be Answerable for all such Sums of Money as shall be by him or them so Collected or Received; And that no Subcollector shall be forced to Travel above the Space of Ten Miles for the Payment of the said Moneys that shall be by him so Collected or Received; And the said Receiver Generals Acquittance shall be a sufficient Discharge unto every such Head Collector; And the Receiver General shall Pay the whole Sum by him Received into the Receipt of his Majesties Exchequer, in such manner, and at or before such Days and Times as are herein before Limitted; And shall have an Allowance of Two Pence in the

Head Collectors Receipt a Discharge to the Subcollector.

Subcollector to have 4 *d.* in the Pound for what he receives.

Head Collector to be appointed by the Receiver who is to be answerable.

No Subcollector forced to Travel above 10 Miles.

Receiver Generals Acquittance a Discharge to Head Collector.

Receiver General to have 2 *d.* in the Pound for what paid into the Exchequer.

the Pound for all Moneys which shall be by him Paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer, upon or before the Times Prefixt in this Act.

And for the careful Writing and Transcribing the said Warrants, Certificates, Estreats and Duplicates in due time, It is further Enacted, That the Commissioners Clerks, Who shall respectively perform the same, shall, by Warrant under Two or more of the Commissioners Hands, have and receive from the respective Receivers General, or their Head Collectors, Three Half Pence in the Pound of all such Moneys as he or they shall have Received by Virtue of such Warrants and Estreats, Who are hereby Appointed and Allowed to Pay the same accordingly.

Commissioners Clerks to have Three Halfpence in the Pound for Writing the Warrants, &c.

And be it further Enacted and Declared, That if any Person or Persons shall refuse or neglect to Pay any Sum or Sums of Money, Wherewith he or they shall be Rated and Assessed by this Act, upon Demand by the said Subcollector of that Place, according to the Precepts or Estreats to him or them delivered by the said Commissioners, That then, and in every such case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Subcollectors, or any of them, and he and they is and are hereby Authorized and Required for Non-payment thereof, to Levy the Sum or Sums so Rated and Assessed by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Persons so refusing or neglecting to Pay, or to Distrain upon the Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Premisses

In Case of Non-payment the Subcollectors to Distrain.

misses so Charged with any such Sum or Sums of Money, and the Goods and Chattels then and there found, and the Distress so taken to Keep by the Space of Four Days at the Costs and Charges of the Owners thereof; And if the said Owners do not Pay the Sum or Sums of Money so Rated or Assessed within the space of the said Four Days, then the said Distress to be Appraised by Two or more of the Inhabitants where the same shall be taken, or other Sufficient Persons, and to be Sold by the Collectors for the Payment of the said Money, and the Overplus coming by such Sale (if any be) over and above the Charges of taking and keeping of the Distress, to be immediately returned to the Owners thereof. And moreover, it shall be lawful to break open, in the Daytime, any House, and upon Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any Two or more of the said Commissioners, any Chest, Trunk, Box or other Thing where any such Goods are, calling to their Assistance the Constable, Tythingman or Headboroughs within the Counties, Cities, Towns and Places where any such Refusal, Neglect or Resistance shall be made; Which said Officers are hereby Required to be Aiding and Assisting in the Premisses, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril; And if any Person or Persons Assessed by this Act, shall Refuse or Neglect to Pay the Sum or Sums so Assessed by the space of Ten Days after Demand, as aforesaid, Where no sufficient

And to keep the Distress Four Days at the Owners charge.

Then to be Appraised and Sold, and the Overplus Restored.

Lawful to break open Houses in in the day time.

And by Warrant from the Commissioners, any Chest, &c. calling to Assistance the Constables, &c.

Where no Diſtreſs found, the Perſon to be Impriſon'd till Payment.

cient Diſtreſs can or may be found, whereby the ſame may be Levied, in every ſuch caſe, Three or more of the Commiſſioners, to be Appointed, as aforeſaid, for any ſuch City, County or Place, are hereby Authorized by Warrants under their Hands and Seals to Commit ſuch Perſon or Perſons to the Common Goal, there to be kept, Without Bail or Mainprize, until Payment ſhall be made.

Parents or Guardians to Pay the Rates impoſed on Infants, and to be allow'd the ſame upon their Accounts.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That where any Perſon or Perſons Chargeable with any the ſeveral Rates, Duties or Aſſeſſments by this Act Impoſed or Intended to be Impoſed, ſhall be under the Age of One and twenty Years, in every ſuch Caſe, the Parents, Guardians or Tutors of ſuch Infants reſpectively, upon Default of Payments by ſuch Infants, ſhall be, and are hereby made liable to and Chargeable with the Payments which ſuch Infant ought to have Paid; And if ſuch Parents, Guardians or Tutors ſhall Neglect or Refuſe to Pay, as aforeſaid, It ſhall and may be lawful to Proceed againſt them in like manner as againſt any other Perſon or Perſons making Default of Payment, as herein before Appointed; And all Parents, Guardians and Tutors making Payment, as aforeſaid, ſhall be Allowed all and every the Sums ſo Paid for ſuch Infants upon his and their Accounts.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in all Caſes where any Perſon or Perſons, as a Domeſtick Ser-

vant, Covenant Servant, Journeyman, or other Servant, that is, or during the continuance of this Act, shall be Hired, Entertained, or constantly Imployed by any Master or Masters, Mistress or Mistresses, is by this Act Chargeable with the said Duty of Four Pence per Month, or with any the said Duties Payable for Wages, in every such Case or Cases the respective Masters or Mistresses, Master or Mistress, upon Default of Payment by such Servant, shall be, and are hereby made Lyable to, and Chargeable with the Payment which such Servants ought to have made during the time of their Continuance in such their Services respectively; And if such Master or Mistress shall Neglect or Refuse to Pay, as aforesaid, It shall and may be Lawful to proceed against them in like manner as against any other Person or Persons making Default of Payment, as herein before appointed; And all Masters and Mistresses making Payment, as aforesaid, shall be allowed all and every the Sums Paid for such Servants, to be Deducted out of the Wages due, or to be due and payable unto them respectively; And the several and respective Tenant or Tenants of all Houses, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, which shall be Rated by Virtue of this Act, are hereby Required and Authorized to Pay such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be Rated upon such Houses, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, and to Deduct out of the Rents, so much of the said Rate, as for every such House,

Servants or Journeymen making Default of Payment, their Masters and Mistresses to be Chargeable with what the Servants ought to have paid, and to Deduct the same out of their Wages.

Tenants to pay the Rates on the Houses, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments which they hold, and to Deduct the same out of the Rents.

House, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments the Landlord should or ought to Pay and Bear; And the said Landlords both Mediate and Immediate, according to their respective Interests, are hereby Required to allow such Deductions in Payments, upon the Receipt of the Residue of their Rents. And it is Enacted and Declared, That every Tenant Paying the said Assessment last mentioned, shall be Acquitted and Discharged of so much Money as the said Assessments shall amount unto, as if the same had been actually Paid unto such Person and Persons unto whom his Rents should have been Due and Payable.

All Persons Taxable by this Act with the 4 *d. per* Month, or for Wages, Ready Money, or Debts, to be Assessed in the places of their residence at the Execution thereof.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person Who is or shall be Charged with the said General Duty of Four Pence per Month, or with the said Rates or Duties for Wages, or for Ready Money or Debts, shall be Tared in the Places respectively where they shall be Resident at the time of the Execution of this Act; And that every Person Chargeable by this Act in respect of any Annuities, Stipends, or other yearly Payments payable at the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, or Issuing out of any the Branches of His Majesties Revenues shall and may be Tared and Assessed in the respective Places where such Annuities, Stipends, Pensions or other Yearly Payments, are or shall be Payable; And that all other Pensions, Stipends, Annuities, or other yearly Payments (not Charged upon Lands) shall be Charged and Assessed in the Places where the

Annuities, Stipends or Yearly payments at the Exchequer, or out of any Branch of the Revenue, to be Assessed where payable.

All other Pensions or yearly Payments (not Charged on Land) to be Assessed where the Persons intituled thereunto reside.

the Persons Intituled to Receive the same do Reside; And that every Person Rated or Assessed for his Office, Imployment or Profession shall be Rated and Pay for his said Office, Imployment or Profession, in the County, City or Place where the same shall be Exercised; And all Persons not being Housholders, nor having a certain Place of Residence, shall be Tared at the Place where they shall be Resident at the time of the Execution of this Act; And that in all Cases where any Pensions, Annuities, Stipends, or other Annual Payments, or the Fees, Salaries, Wages, or other Allowances or Profits shall be Payable at the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, or by the Cofferer of His Majesties Houshold, or out of any other Publick Office, or by any His Majesties Receivers or Paymasters, the Tax, Duty or Payment, which in pursuance of this Act shall be Charged, for or in respect of such Pensions, Annuities, Stipends, or other Annual Payments, or for or in respect of such Fees, Salaries, Wages or other Allowances or Profits, shall and may, in Case of Non-Payment thereof, be Detained and Stopt out of the same, and be Applied to the Satisfaction of the Rates and Duties, not otherwise Paid, as aforesaid; And that where any Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, shall have any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, or other Stock in Trade, or any Cattel or other Quick Stock upon Land, it shall and may be Lawful to Rate and Assess such Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate for

Offices, Imployments and Professions, to be Rated where they are exercised.

Persons not being Housholders, where they reside at the time of Executing the Act.

The Rates on Pensions, Salaries, or other Allowances or Profits payable at the Exchequer, or by the Cofferer, or out of any other publick Office, or by any of His Majesties Receivers or Paymasters (in Case of Non-payment) to be stopt thereout.

Stock in Trade, and Quick Stock upon the Land to be Rated, in such County or Place where it is at the time of the Execution of this Act.

the ſame, in ſuch County or Place where ſuch Stock ſhall be at the time of the Execution of this Act; And all Perſons having the Charge, Cuſtody, Agiſtment or Keeping of any ſuch Stock for the Uſe and Account of any other Perſon, ſhall be Tared and Pay for the ſame according to the True Intent and Meaning of this Act, and ſhall be Allowed ſuch Tax or Payment upon his Accompts, or ſhall be Satisfied for the ſame out of ſuch Goods or other things, or by the Owner thereof; And if any Perſon who ought to be Tared by Virtue of this Act with any the Rates or Duties therein contained, ſhall at the time of Aſſeſſment be out of the Realm, ſuch Perſon ſhall be Rated therefore in ſuch County, City or Place where he was laſt Abiding in this Realm; And every Perſon who ſhall be Rated and Aſſeſſed, as aforeſaid, for or in reſpect of any Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, ſhall be Rated and Aſſeſſed in the Place where ſuch Meſſuages, Manors, Lands, Tenements and Premiſſes reſpectively do Lie, and not elſewhere.

Perſons having any ſuch Stock in their Cuſtody for the Uſe of others, to Pay for the ſame, and to be allowed it upon their Accounts, or be ſatisfied out of the Goods.

Perſons out of the Realm Taxable by this Act, to be Aſſeſſed in the place of their laſt abode in this Realm.

Perſons Ratable for any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, to be Aſſeſſed in the places where the Premiſſes lie.

Any Perſon in reſpect of ſeveral places of reſidence being doubly Charg'd, upon Certificate and Oath thereof, to be diſcharged for ſo much.

Provided always, That if any Perſon or Perſons, by reaſon of his, her or their having ſeveral Manſion Houſes or Places of Reſidence, or otherwiſe, ſhall be doubly Charged by occaſion of this Act, for or in reſpect of his, her, or their Perſon, Money, Debts, Stock or otherwiſe, then upon Certificate made by any Two or more of the Commiſſioners for the County, Riding, City or Place, of his, her or their laſt Perſonal

ſonal Reſidence, under their Hands and Seals, of the Sum or Sums Charged upon him, her or them, and in what Capacity or Reſpect, he, ſhe or they were ſo Charged (which Certificate the ſaid Commiſſioners are Required, to give Without Delay, Fee, or Reward) and upon Oath made of ſuch Certificate before any one Juſtice of the Peace of the County or Place where the ſaid Certificate ſhall be made, which Oath the ſaid Juſtice of the Peace is hereby Authorized and Required to Adminiſter, then the Perſon and Perſons ſo doubly Charged, ſhall, for ſo much as ſhall be ſo Certified, be Diſcharged in every other County, City or Place: And if any Perſon that ought to be Taxed by Virtue of this Act, for or in reſpect of his or her Perſon, Wages, Stock, Office, Profeſſion or otherwiſe, ſhall by Changing of his or her Place of Reſidence, or by Concealing, Fraudulently Removing or Shifting his, her or their Goods, Merchandizes or other Commodities, or by the Fraudulently Driving of his, her, or their Cattel from one Place to another, or by any Fraudulent Releaſing or Altering of any Security or Securities, for any Debt or Debts at Intereſt, With Intention to Avoid the Taxation hereby intended, or by any other Fraud or Covin ſhall eſcape from the Taxation, or not be fully Taxed, and the ſame be Proved before the Commiſſioners, or any Two of them, or before any Juſtice of the Peace, in the County, Riding, City or Place where ſuch Perſon Dwelleth or Reſideth, at any time within Twenty Days next

Any Perſon, who by changing his place of Reſidence, or other fraud ſhall eſcape being Taxed, upon proof thereof to be doubly Charged.

next ensuing, after such Tax made, every Person that shall so escape from the Taxation and Payment, or not be fully Taxed, shall be Charged upon Proof thereof at the Double Value of so much as he should or ought to have been Taxed at by this Act, the said Double Value, upon Certificate thereof made into the Exchequer by the Commissioners or Justices (before whom such Proof shall be made) to be Levied of the Goods, Lands and Tenements of such Person.

Every Householder to give an account of his Lodgers, and of his Servants and their respective Wages.

And for the better Discovery of Persons or Things intended to be Charged by this Act, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Housholder shall upon the Demand of the Assessors of the respective Parishes or Places, give an Account of the Names and Qualities of such Persons as shall Sojourn or Lodge in their respective Houses, and of their respective Servants, and of the full Wages allowed to such Servants, under the Penalty of Forfeiting to His Majesty the Sum of Five Pounds, to be Levied and Recovered in such manner as any other Penalties in this Act mentioned shall or may be Levied and Recovered; And that the Officers in the Receipt of Exchequer, and other the Publick Offices, upon request to them made by the respective Assessors, shall deliver unto them true Lists or Accounts of all Pensions, Annuities, Stipends, or other Annual Payments, and of all Fees, Salaries or other Allowances payable at the said Receipt, or in the said Publick Offices, for the better Guidance of

Under the penalty of Five Pounds.

Officers of the Exchequer, and other publick Officers, to deliver to the Assessors, Lists of all Pensions, Fees and Allowances payable by them.

the ſaid Aſſeſſors in the Charging of the ſame.

And for the better Diſcovering and Charging ſuch of the Debts by this Act Chargeable with the Monthly Duty or Payment, as aforeſaid, as at the time of the reſpective Aſſeſſments, purſuant to this Act, ſhall be owing at Intereſt to any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, by or upon any Mortgages, Statutes Merchant or of the Staple, Recognizances, Judgments, Bonds, Bills Obligatory, Specialties, or upon any Bills or Notes whatſoever, or any other Securities for Money at Intereſt, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every the reſpective Perſons Intituled to ſuch Debts, or which ought to Pay the Tax hereby intended to be Impoſed thereupon, ſhall deliver or cauſe to be delivered to the ſaid Aſſeſſors of the Pariſh or Place where ſuch Debts are to be Aſſeſſed, before they return their Certificates or Aſſeſſments to the Commiſſioners, as aforeſaid, a Note in Writing, Signed by ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or by his, her or their Appointment, containing the Total or Groſs Sum of the Principal Moneys ſo owing to him, her or them reſpectively, upon Mortgages, Statutes Merchant or of the Staple, Recognizances, Judgments, Bonds, Bills Obligatory, Specialties, or upon any other Bills or Notes, or any other Securities for Money at Intereſt; as are before mentioned and intended to be hereby Charged, Whereby

Perſons having any Moneys at Intereſt, to deliver to the Aſſeſſors (before they return their Certificates) a Note of the groſs Sum of Principal Money owing to them.

the said Assessors may be Enabled fully to Tax such Debts, with the Duties by this Act payable in respect of the same; And the said Assessors are hereby Impowered to Tax and Assess such Persons for such Debts, according to the Notes in Writing so delivered to them respectively; But in all Cases where no such Notes shall be delivered, or that the Assessors shall have sufficient Ground of their own Knowledge, or by good Information, to believe that the Persons Charging themselves by the delivery of such Notes in Writing, as aforesaid, have more Moneys at Interest than are contained in such Notes, the said Assessors are hereby Authorized and Required to Assess and Tax such Persons for their Debts at Interest, according to the best of their Skill and Judgment, pursuant to their Oath in that behalf, and according to the Powers and Directions before in this Act contained.

The Assessors to Tax according to the said Notes.

If no Notes delivered, or cause to believe they do not contain all the Persons Money at Interest, to Assess according to the best of their Judgments.

And it is hereby Enacted, That all and every the said respective Person and Persons Intituled to such Debts at Interest, as aforesaid, shall deliver or cause to be delivered to Two or more of the Commissioners for the County, Hundred or other Place respectively, where such Debts are to be Charged, before such time as the said Commissioners respectively shall deliver their Estreats to the Subcollectors for the Demanding or Receiving the Sums to be Assessed in such Place, a Specification or Particular in Writing, Signed by themselves, or some others by their

All Persons Intituled to Debts at Interest, to deliver to the Commissioners, before they give their Estreats to the Subcollectors, a Specification in Writing of the said Debts.

their Command or Appointment, of all and every such Debts so Owing to them respectively at Interest upon Mortgages, Statutes Merchant, or of the Staple, Recognizances, Judgments, Bonds, Specialties; Bills or Notes, or any other Securities for Money at Interest, as aforesaid, mentioning therein the Principal Sums so Owing at Interest; and also Specifying at the Election of the Person so Intituled, either the Persons, or some of them, who Borrowed, or are Lyable to the Payment of such Debts, or some Estate, Matter or Thing Engaged for the same, or the Nature of the Securities the said respective Sums are Owing upon, whether Mortgage, Statute, Recognizance, Judgment, Bond, Specialty, Bill, Note, or other Security, together with the respective Dates thereof, and the Names of the Witnesses thereunto, that so the said Commissioners, upon Examining the Certificates or Assessments, brought in by the said Assessors may fully Charge such Persons with the Taxes or Duties by this Act intended.

And also of the Persons or some of them, who Borrowed, or are liable to the same, or of something engaged for the said Debts, or the nature of the Securities, together with the Dates thereof, and the Names of the Witnesses thereunto.

And it is hereby Enacted, That the said Commissioners, upon their Receipt of such Particulars or Specifications of Debts, as aforesaid, shall Sign and Deliver back to the Parties bringing the same, True Copies or Duplicates thereof, under the Hands and Seals of the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them, and Attested by Two or more Credible Witnesses, whereby the Party or Parties (if

The Commissioners to deliver back to the Parties Copies of their Specifications under their Hands and Seals, attested by Two or more Witnesses, to justifie their being duly Charged.

he, she or they should have occasion) may make it Appear that he, she or they did Truly and bona fide Charge themselves, for or in respect of the several Debts therein contained; Which said True Copies or Duplicates so Delivered back, and so Signed and Attested, as aforesaid, shall be Received and Allowed for sufficient Evidence in all Courts and Places, that he, she or they did so Charge themselves, as aforesaid; And in Case any Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, so Required by this Act to Deliver Specifications or Particulars in Writing of such Debts, as aforesaid, shall Refuse or Neglect so to do Within the time hereby Prescribed, contrary to the True Meaning of this Act, That then, and in every such Case, all and every such Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate Refusing or Neglecting, shall for such Offence, over and above the Duties hereby intended to be Charged on such Debts, Forfeit and Pay Twice as much as such Duties for any such Debts, for which such Particulars or Specifications ought to have been given, or which shall be omitted therein, do or should amount unto, to be Sued for at any time before the Five and twentieth Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety nine (to wit) One Moiety thereof to the Use of His Majesty, and the other Moiety thereof to him or them that will Sue for the same, by Action of Debt, or of the Case, Bill, Suit, or Information, Wherein no Essoign,

The said Copies to be allowed as Evidence in all Courts.

Upon Neglect or Refusal to give in such Specifications, to Forfeit over and above the Duties intended to be Charged, twice as much.

To be Sued for at any time before the 25th day of *March*, 1699.

One Moiety to the King, the other to the Prosecutor.

ſoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance ſhall be Granted or Allowed; And moreover that any ſuch Debt upon Mortgage, Statute Merchant, or of the Staple, Recognizance, Judgment, Bond, Bill Obligatory, Speciality, or other Bill or Note, or any other Security for Money at Intereſt, not contained in ſuch Particular or Specification ſhall not be Recoverable, and the Specialty or Security for the ſame ſhall not be Pleaded or given in Evidence, or be otherwiſe made uſe of in any Court, either of Law or Equity, before the ſaid Five and twentieth Day of March, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety nine, unleſs the ſaid Duty Payable to the King for ſuch Debt, and the ſaid Penalty of Twice as much be firſt Satisfied (that is to ſay) if there be no Action, Bill, Suit or Information Commenced, or Depending by any Informer or Proſecutor, then both the Duty and the Penalty ſhall be firſt Paid to His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors into the Receipt of the Exchequer; And if there be any ſuch Action, Bill, Suit or Information Depending, then the ſaid Duty, and One Moiety of ſuch Penalty ſhall be firſt Paid to the King, as aforeſaid, and the other Moiety of the ſaid Penalty to the ſaid Informer or Proſecutor.

Debts not contained in the ſaid Specifications, not to be Recoverable, nor the Securities for the ſame Pleadable in any Courts of Law or Equity before the ſaid 25 *March*, 1699.

Unleſs the ſaid Duty and Penalty be firſt ſatisfied.

If no Action commenced by any Informer, both the Duty and Penalty to be Paid to the King.

If an Action depending, the Duty and one Moiety of the Penalty to be firſt Paid to the King, the other Moiety of the Penalty to the Informer.

And for the better Diſcovery of the True Value of all Stock upon Land, intended to be Charged by this Act, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the reſpective Aſſeſſors of

For the Diſcovery of the Value of Stock upon Land, The Aſſeſſors to enter and View upon the places where any ſuch Stock ſhall be or remain, and to Value and Charge the ſame according to the Act.

the ſeveral Diſtricts, Pariſhes or Places where any ſuch Stock ſhall Be or Remain at the time of the Execution of this Act, ſhall have full Power and Authority, and they are hereby Adjoyned and Required to Enter into and upon any ſuch Lands, Grounds Out-houſes or other Places, where any Stock upon Land, by this Act Chargeable, ſhall Be or Remain, as aforeſaid, there to View and Value the ſame, and when they ſhall have Satisfied themſelves in the Number, Kinds and Values of ſuch Stock, the ſaid Aſſeſſors ſhall Charge the Duties therefore Payable in their reſpective Aſſeſſments, according to the True Intent and Meaning of this Act; And in caſe the ſaid Aſſeſſors upon ſuch View, as aforeſaid, ſhall find that any ſuch Stock, as aforeſaid, hath been Fraudulently Driven or Removed away by any Perſon or Perſons, With Intention only to Defraud His Majeſty, or to avoid the Taxation thereof hereby Intended, the ſaid Aſſeſſors ſhall give Notice thereof to the Commiſſioners to whom their Certificates are to be Returned, to the end ſuch Perſon or Perſons may be Proceeded againſt, as by this Act in ſuch Caſe is Provided; And if any Perſon or Perſons Chargeable for Stock upon Land, as aforeſaid, ſhall Refuſe to Permit or Suffer the ſaid Aſſeſſors, to Enter, View and Value the ſame, or any Part thereof, as aforeſaid, that then every ſuch Perſon, for ſuch Refuſal, ſhall Forfeit the Sum of

If upon ſuch View the Aſſeſſors find any Fraud hath been uſed to avoid the Taxation, they are to give Notice to the Commiſſioners, to the end the Perſons may be doubly Taxed.

Any Perſons refuſing to permit ſuch View, Forfeits 10 l. a Moiety to the King, the other to the Proſecutor.

Ten Pounds, One Moiety thereof to his Majesty, and the other Moiety to him or them that will Sue for the same, to be Recovered, as aforesaid.

And to the end the true Value of all Stock in Trade, by this Act Chargeable, may also be known, and the Duties for the same may be likewise ascertained, according to the true meaning hereof, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons Using or Exercising any Trade, Mystery, Occupation or Business of Merchandizing, Shopkeeping, Buying or Selling by Wholesale or Retail, shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the said Assessors of the Parish or Place where such Stock in Trade is to be Assessed, within Ten Days after the time that the Commissioners shall Issue their Warrant to the Assessors, for making the Assessment in such Parish or Place respectively, a particular in Writing, Signed by themselves, or by their Appointment of the Whole Quantities, Kinds and Values of the several Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, Commodities, Manufactures or other Vendible Stock, for which such Person or Persons respectively ought to be Charged, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, whereby the said Assessors may be Enabled fully to Tax such Stock with the Duties by this Act payable in respect of the same; Which said Values shall be esteemed to be so much as the said Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, Commodities, Manufactures or other Vendible

For ascertaining the Value of Stock upon Trade, All Traders shall deliver to the Assessors, within Ten days after the Commissioners issue their Warrant to the said Assessors, a particular of the Quantities, Kinds and Values of their Stock.

The Values to be esteemed what the Goods are worth, *bona fide*, to be Sold at the time of the Assessment.

Vendible Stock are, bona fide, Worth to be Sold for by such Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate respectively, at the time of the Execution of this Act; And the said Assessors of the District, Parish or Place where any Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, Commodities, Manufactures or other Vendible Stock, shall be or remain at the time of the Execution of this Act (in all cases where they shall think it necessary for their better Information, as to the Quantities, Kinds and Values of the same) shall have Power and Authority, and they are hereby Authorized and Impowered to enter, in the Day time, into any Shops, Warehouses or other Places whatsoever, where any such Goods or other Stock in Trade shall be or remain, there to take an Account thereof, and to View and Value the same; And all and every the said Person or Persons Chargeable, as aforesaid, for Stock in Trade, shall be obliged, by Force and Virtue of this Act (if thereunto required) to permit and suffer the said Assessors of the Place to make such Entrance, View and Valuation, to the end the said Assessors may be the better Enabled to make their Assessments, as aforesaid; And if any such Person or Persons shall refuse to Permit or suffer such Assessors to enter into their Shops, Warehouses or other Places, being thereunto required, as aforesaid, there to View and Value their Stock, or any part thereof, then every such Person, for such Refusal,

The Assessors impowered (where they shall think it necessary for their Information) to enter in the Day time into any Shops or Warehouses, &c. to View and Value the Goods.

Any Person refusing such Entrance, Forfeits 40 *l.* one Moiety to the King, the other to the Prosecutor.

fusal, shall Forfeit the Sum of Fourty Pounds, One Moiety thereof to His Majesty, and the other Moiety to him or them that will Sue for the same in the manner before mentioned; And the said Assessors, in case they be satisfied in the truth of the particulars delivered to them, as aforesaid, both for the Quantities and Values of all the Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, Commodities, Manufactures or other Vendible Stock in Trade, for which any Person or Persons shall be Chargeable, as aforesaid, shall proceed to Tax and Assess the same, With the Rates and Duties by this Act intended to be Imposed thereupon, according to the said particulars; But if the Person or Persons who ought to deliver the said particulars in Writing of their Stock in Trade to the said Assessors shall not deliver the same within the time hereby prefixed, or if the respective Assessors shall find or suspect such particular given in Writing to be Fraudulent, either by omitting of any Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, Commodities, Manufactures or other Vendible Stock, or by Undervaluing of the same, or any part thereof, the said Assessors are hereby Authorized and Required to Assess and Tax such Person and Persons for his, her or their Stock in Trade, according to the best of their Skill and Judgment, pursuant to the Oath by such Assessors in that behalf taken, and according to the Powers and Directions before in this Act contained; All which Assessments so made

If the Assessors are satisfied in the truth of the particulars delivered to them, to Assess accordingly.

But if the particulars are not delivered to the Assessors within the time prefixt.

Or the Assessors suspect the said particulars to be fraudulent, they are to Assess according to the best of their Judgment.

These Assessments to be subject to the examination of the Commissioners, who may allow, abate or increase the same as they see cause, upon Information or Appeals.

by the said Assessors, shall nevertheless be subject to the Examination of the said Commissioners, and to the Power before in this Act given to the said Commissioners, upon such Examination, to set such Rate or Rates as shall be according to the true intent and meaning of this Act, and shall also be subject to the Power of the said Commissioners, for Allowing, Abating, Defalking, Increasing or Inlarging any such Assessments in such Cases of Appeal or Complaint to be made to them, as are herein after mentioned.

Stewards, Bayliffs, or Tenants of Houses, Lands or Hereditaments, not discovering to the Assessors when required, the true Rents payable for the same, to Forfeit so much as such Rent, *bona fide*, shall amount unto for Two Years.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Steward, Bayliff or Tenant, of any Houses, Lands, Tenements or other Hereditaments, being Required by the Assessors, of the Parish or Place where the same are Situated, or any or either of them, to Declare and make Known to such Assessor or Assessors, the True Rent by such Tenant or Tenants Payable for such Houses, Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments, or shall Affirm or Pretend the same to be of less Rent than What he, she or they are Bound to Pay for such Lands, Houses, Tenements or other Hereditaments, every such Steward, Bayliff or Tenant for such Offence, shall Forfeit so much as such Rent, bona fide, Payable by such Tenant for such Lands, Houses, Tenements or other Hereditaments, shall Amount unto for Two Years, to be Levied and Recovered, in such manner as any other Penalties in this Act mentioned shall or may be

Levied and Recovered; And if any Perſon or Perſons that ſhall be Rated, Aſſeſſed, or Charged with any the Rates, Duties or Aſſeſſments by this Act Intended, or for or in reſpect of any Matter or Thing, for which by this Act he, ſhe or they are or may be Rated or Charged, do find him, her or themſelves Agrieved with ſuch Aſſeſſing and Rating, and within Ten Days after Demand made of the Sum or Sums of Money Aſſeſſed on him, her, or them, do by himſelf, her ſelf or themſelves, or by his, her or their Stewards or Bayliffs, Complain to the Commiſſioners who Signed or Allowed his, her or their Rates, the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Three or more of them, ſhall have, and have hereby Power, and are hereby Required within Ten Days next after ſuch Complaint, to Examine any Perſon or Perſons concerned, or his, her or their Stewards or Bayliffs upon Oath, touching the Matters or Things for which he, ſhe or they ſhall be Aſſeſſed, and upon due Examination and Knowledge thereof, Allow, Abate, Defalk, Increaſe or Inlarge the ſaid Aſſeſſment; And the ſame ſo Allowed, Abated, Increaſed or Inlarged, ſhall be Levied, and ſhall be Certified or Eſtreated into the Exchequer in manner aforeſaid; And to that end the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby Required to Meet together for the Determining of ſuch Appeals and Complaints accordingly; And for this end to Expreſs in their Warrants or Eſtreats to the Collectors, the

Any Perſon Aſſeſſed, finding himſelf agrieved, may Appeal within Ten Days after the Money demanded.

Any Three or more of the Commiſſioners who Signed the Rate, ſhall within Ten Days after ſuch Appeal, examin the Perſon upon Oath, and abate or increaſe the Aſſeſſment.

The Commiſſioners to meet together for determining Appeals, and to expreſs the time and place in their Warrants.

The Aſſeſſors concerning whoſe Aſſeſſment Complaint is made, to be Summoned.

the Times and Places for Determining Appeals, and to Summon the reſpective Aſſeſſors, concerning Whoſe Aſſeſſment any Complaint ſhall be made, to Attend at the Time and Place to be Appointed for the Determining ſuch Complaint, Who are hereby Required to Attend accordingly;

An Appeal once heard to be final.

And Appeals once Heard and Determined, to be Final Without any further Appeal upon any Pretence Whatſoever.

Any Aſſeſſor, Collector or Receiver, wilfully neglecting or refuſing to do his Duty may be Fined, not exceeding 30 *l.* nor under 15 *l.*

And be it further Enacted and Declared by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Aſſeſſor, Collector, Receiver, or other Perſon Appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners, ſhall Wilfully Neglect or Refuſe to Perform his or their Duty in the Due and Speedy Execution of this preſent Act, or if any Aſſeſſor ſhall Wittingly or Willingly Under-rate or Aſſeſs, at any Undervalue, any Perſon or Thing Chargeable by this Act, the ſaid reſpective Commiſſioners, or any Three or more of them, have hereby Power to Impoſe on ſuch Perſon or Perſons, ſo Refuſing, Neglecting, or not Performing their Duties, ſuch Fine or Fines as by them ſhall be thought fit, ſo as the ſame exceed not the Sum of Thirty Pounds, nor to be under the Sum of Fifteen Pounds, for every Offence;

Which Fines ſhall not be taken off or diſcharged, but by the conſent of the majority of the Commiſſioners who impoſed the ſame.

Which ſaid Fines ſhall not be taken off or Diſcharged, but by the Conſent of the majority of the Commiſſioners Who Impoſed the ſame, but ſhall be Levied by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Two or more of them, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods

The Fines to be Levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offenders Goods.

and Chattels of the Offenders, and in Default of Goods and Chattels the Offenders to be Committed (by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them) to Prison, there to Remain till Payment of the said Fines; And that all Fines that shall be so Imposed by Virtue of this Act, shall be Paid to the respective Receivers General, and by them into the Receipt of his Majesties Exchequer, and Charged upon the respective Receivers General amongst the rest of the Rates aforesaid.

In Default of Goods, the Offenders to be Imprison'd till payment of the Fines.

And it is hereby further Enacted and Declared, That if any Collector that shall, by Virtue of this Act, be Appointed for the Receipt of any Sums of Money thereby to be Assessed, Neglect or Refuse to Pay any Sum or Sums of Money, which shall be by him Received, as aforesaid, and to Pay the same, as in and by this Act is Directed, or shall Detain in his or their Hands any Money Received by them, or any of them, and not Pay the same, at such time as by this Act is Directed, the Commissioners of each County, Riding, City or Town respectively, or any Two or more of them in their respective Divisions, are hereby Authorized and Impowered to Imprison the Person, and Seize and Secure the Estate, both Real and Personal, of such Collectors to him or them belonging, or which shall Descend and Come into the Hands or Possessions of his Heirs, Executors or Administrators, Wheresoever the same can be

Collectors not paying the Money they Collect, according to the Direction of the Act, to be Imprisoned, and their Estates Seized.

Commissioners to appoint a General Meeting, of which six days Notice at least to be given, and then to Sell what shall be Seized.

Discovered and Found; And the said Commissioners who shall so Seize and Secure the Estate of any Collector or Collectors, shall be, and are hereby Impowered to Appoint a time for the General Meeting of the Commissioners for such County, Riding, City, Town or Place, and there to cause Publick Notice to be given at the Place where such Meeting shall be Appointed, Six Days at the least before such General Meeting; And the Commissioners present at such General Meeting, or the major Part of them, in case the Moneys Detained by any such Collector or Collectors be not Paid or Satisfied as it ought to be, according to the Directions of this Act, shall, and are hereby Impowered and Required to Sell and Dispose of such Estates, which shall be for the Cause aforesaid Seized and Secured, or any Part of them, and to Satisfie and Pay into the Hands of the Receiver General, the Sum that shall be so Detained in the Hands of such Collector or Collectors, their Heirs, Executors or Administrators respectively.

Commissioners to examin touching the full payment of the Sums.

And it is hereby further Enacted and Declared, That at the Expiration of the respective times in this Act prescribed for the full Payment of all the said Monthly Payments, the several and respective Commissioners, or any Two or more of them, within their Division and Hundred, shall and are hereby required to call before them the Collectors, within each respective Division and Hundred, Parish and Place, to Examine and Assure themselves of the full

and whole Payment of the particular Sum and Sums of Money Charged within and upon the ſame Diviſion, Hundred, and every Pariſh and Place therein, and of the due Return of the ſame into the Hands of the reſpective Receivers General, or their Head Collectors or Deputies of the ſaid County, Riding, City, Town and Place, and by ſuch Receiver General into the Receipt of His Majeſties Exchequer, to the end there may be no Failure in the Payment of any part of the Rates, Duties or Aſſeſſments, by Virtue of this Act to be Aſſeſſed and Paid; And in caſe of Failure in the Premiſſes, the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Two or more of them, are hereby Authorized and Required to cauſe the ſame to be forthwith Levied and Paid, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

If any Controverſie ariſe concerning the Aſſeſſing the Commiſſioners, the Commiſſioners concerned to withdraw during the Debate.

And it is hereby Enacted and Declared, That in Caſe any Controverſie ariſe concerning the ſaid Aſſeſſments, or the Payment thereof, which concerns any the Commiſſioners by this Act to be Appointed, That the Commiſſioners, ſo concerned in the ſaid Controverſie, ſhall have no Voice, but ſhall withdraw at the time of the Debate of any ſuch Controverſie, until it be Determined by the reſt of the Commiſſioners; And in Default thereof, that the Commiſſioners then preſent ſhall have Power, and are hereby Required to Impoſe ſuch Fine and Fines, as to them ſhall be thought fit, upon ſuch Commiſſioner ſo Refuſing to withdraw, not exceeding the

And in Default, the Commiſſioners preſent to ſet a Fine, not exceeding 20 *l.*

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Sum of Twenty Pounds; and to cause the same to be Levied and Paid, as other Fines, to be Imposed by this Act, are to be Levied and Paid; And all Questions and Differences which shall arise touching any the said Rates, Duties or Assessments, or the Collecting thereof, shall be Heard and finally Determined by the Commissioners, in such manner as by this Act is Directed, upon Complaint thereof made to them by any Person or Persons thereby agrieved, without further Trouble or Suit in Law.

All Questions and Differences to be Determin'd by the Commissioners.

Provided, That nothing in this Act contained shall Extend to Charge any College or Hall in either of the Two Universities, or the Colleges of Windsor, Eaton, Wincheſter, or Westminster, or the Corporation of the Governours of the Charity for the Relief of Poor Widows and Children of Clergymen, or the College of Bromley, or the Charity Settled by Tobias Rustat, lately deceased, upon the Masters, Fellows and Scholars of Jesus College in Cambridge, in trust for Six Poor Clergymens Widows, and for the Maintenance of Eight Poor Scholars in the said College, Sons of Clergymen deceased, or any Hospital or Almshouses, or any Free-School, for or in respect of the Site of the said College, Halls, Almshouses, Free-Schools or Hospitals, or any Master, Fellow or Scholar of any such College or Hall, or in any other Free-Schools, or any Reader, Officer or Minister of the said Universities, Colleges or Halls, or any Masters or Ushers of any School, or any

Act not to Charge any Colleges or Halls in the Universities, &c.

Nor any Alms-Houses or Free-Schools.

Nor any Master, Fellow, or Scholar of any College or Free-School.

Nor any Reader, Officer or Minister of the Universities, Nor the Masters or Ushers of any Schools, of an Hospital or Almshouse.

Almſmen of any Hoſpital or Almſhouſe, for or in reſpect of any Stipends, Wages or Profits whatſoever, ariſing or growing due to them in reſpect of the ſaid ſeveral Places or Imployments in the ſaid Univerſities, Colleges, Schools, Hoſpitals and Almſhouſes; or to Charge any of the Houſes or Lands belonging to Chriſts Hoſpital, Saint Bartholomews, Bridewell, Saint Thomas and Bethlehem Hoſpital, in the City of London and Borough of Southwark, or any of them, or to the ſaid Corporation of the Governours of the Charity for the Relief of Poor Widows and Children of Clergymen, or to the College of Bromley, or to the ſaid Charity Settled by Tobias Ruſtat, deceaſed; nor to Extend to Charge any the Almſmen or Almſwomen, or other Poor Perſons Inhabiting Within any other Hoſpital or Almſhouſe, for or in reſpect of any Rent or Revenues payable to them, or any ſuch of them, for their immediate Uſe and Relief, Whoſe Annual Maintenance and Profits ſhall not Exceed in the Whole the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Nor Almſmen for their Stipends.

Nor the Houſes or Lands of Chriſt's Hoſpital, &c.

Nor the Poor of any Hoſpital, whoſe Annual maintenance doth not exceed 20 *l.*

Provided, That no Tenants of any Lands or Houſes by Leaſe or Grant from the ſaid Corporation, or any of the ſaid Hoſpitals, or Almſhouſes, or Free-Schools do Claim or Enjoy any Freedom or Exemption by this Act, but that all the Houſes and Lands which they ſo hold ſhall be Rated and Aſſeſſed for ſo much as they are Yearly Worth, over and above the Yearly Rents reſerved and payable to the ſaid Corporation, or to the ſaid Hoſpitals,

Tenants of Hoſpitals to be Rated for what the Lands are worth above the Rents reſerved.

Almshouses or Free-Schools, to be Received and Disbursed for the immediate Relief and Support of the Poor in the said Hospitals, Almshouses or Free-Schools.

All Places to be Assessed in such County, Division or Place, where usually Assessed.

Provided, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for the avoiding all Obstructions and Delays in Assessing and Collecting the Sums which are to be Rated and Assessed by this Act, upon any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tythes or other Hereditaments, all Places, Constablewicks, Divisions and Alotments which have used to be Rated and Assessed, shall Pay and be Assessed in such County, Hundred, Rape, Wapentake, Constablewick, Division, Place and Alotment, as the same hath hitherto usually been Assessed in, and not elsewhere.

West Barnfeild may be Assessed in the Lathe of *Stray* in *Kent.*

Provided nevertheless, That the Hundred of West Barnfeild, formerly Rated and Assessed in the Lathe of Alesford, in the County of Kent, may for the future, if the Commissioners think fit, be Rated and Assessed in the Lathe of Stray, in the County aforesaid; as likewise may the Tything of Northmore, in the County of Oxon, be Assessed in the Hundred of Bampton in the said County; and the Tythings of Charlbury, Faller and Finstock, in the Hundred of Chadlingtorr in the said County; and also the whole Town and Parish of Leeds, in the County of York, in the Hundred of Skyrack in the said County.

The Tything of *Northmore, Com. Oxon.* in the Hundred of *Bampton.*

The Tythings of *Charlbury*, *Faller* and *Finstock*, in the Hundred of *Chadlington, eod. Com.*

The Town of *Leeds, Com. Ebor.* in the Hundred of *Skyrack.*

Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained, shall be Construed to Alter,

change, Determine or make Void any Contracts, Covenants or Agreements whatsoever betwéen Landlord and Tenant, or any others, touching the Payment of Taxes or Assessments; Any thing herein before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Act not to make void Contracts between Landlords and Tenants, touching Taxes.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action, Plaint, Suit or Information shall be Commenced or Prosecuted against any Person or Persons for what he or they shall do in Pursuance, or in Execution of this Act, such Person or Persons (so Sued in any Court whatsoever) shall and may Plead the General Issue (Not Guilty) and upon any Issue joyned, may give this Act, and the Special Matter in Evidence, and if the Plaintiffs or Prosecutors shall become Nonsuit, or forbear further Prosecution, or suffer a Discontinuance, or if a Virdict pass against him, the Defendants shall Recover their Treble Costs, for which they shall have the like Remedy, as in any Case where Costs by the Law are given to Defendants; And the said Receivers General shall give Acquittances (gratis) to the said Head Collectors for all Moneys of them Received; And the said Head Collectors shall give Acquittances (gratis) to the Subcollectors for all such Moneys as shall be Paid them in pursuance of this Act; And the said Subcollectors shall Make and Deliver to the said Head Collectors a perfect Schedule, fairly Written in Parchment, under their Hands and Seals, Signed and Allowed

If any Action Prosecuted for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, the Defendant may Plead the General Issue, and this Act and the special Matter in evidence.

If the Plaintiff be Nonsuit, or Verdict pass against him, the Defendant shall recover treble Costs.

Receivers General to give the Head Collectors Acquittances *gratis*.

Head Collectors to give Acquittances *gratis* to Subcollectors.

Subcollectors to deliver Schedules to the Head Collectors of those that make Default of payment, where there is no Distress.

lowed by any Two or more of the Commissioners, containing the Names, Sirnames and Places of Abode of every Person within their respective Collections, that shall make Default of Payment of any of the Sums that shall be Rated or Assessed on such Person by Virtue of this Act, where no sufficient Distress is to be found, nor other Satisfaction made, and not otherwise, and the Sum and Sums Charged on every such Person; The same Schedule to be delivered by the Head Collectors to the Receiver General of the County, City or Place respectively, to be by him returned into his Majesties Court of Exchequer; whereupon every Person making Default of Payment, may be Charged by Process of the said Court, according to the Course of the Court in such Cases.

Which Schedule is to be deliver'd to the Receiver General.

Where Houses or Lands are unoccupied and no distress, nor the Person of the Owner to be found, his Name to be certified into the Exchequer.

Provided also, and be it further Enacted, That in Case any Lands or Houses, in any Parish or ConstableWick, shall be Unoccupied, and no Distress can be found on the same, nor the Person of the True Owner or Proprietor can be found within the County, Wherein such House or Land lieth, by reason whereof, the Rate and Assessment upon such Unoccupied House or Land cannot be Levied, that then, upon Complaint made thereof to the Commissioners for the County where such Case shall happen to be, the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them, shall Certifie into his Majesties Court of Exchequer, the Name of the Person whose Lands or House

so Lyeth Unoccupied, together with the Sum thereupon Assessed, and the Parish and Place where such Land or House Lyeth; Which Certificate is hereby Declared to be a sufficient Charge upon the Person, and Land or House therein Named, and shall make the Person Debtor to His Majesty for the Sum so Assessed, and the Court of Exchequer shall Issue out Process thereupon, against the Body; Goods, and all other the Lands of such Debtor, until the Sum so Assessed shall be Fully and Actually Levied and Paid to His Majesty.

Which Certificate is to be a Charge, and Process to issue against the Body, Lands and Goods.

Provided always and be it Enacted, That where any Woodland shall be Assessed, and no Distress can be had, that in such Case it shall and may be Lawful, to and for any Collector, Constable, Headborough or Tythingman, by Warrants under the Hands and Seals of Two or more of the Commissioners of that Hundred or Division, at Seasonable Times of the Year, to Cut and Sell to any Person or Persons, so much of the Wood growing on the Woodlands (Timber Trees excepted) so Assessed, as will Pay the Assessment or Assessments to be behind and unpaid, and the Charge incident thereunto; And that it shall and may be Lawful for the Person and Persons, and his and their Assigns to whom such Woods shall be so Sold, to Fell, Cut down, and Dispose and Carry away the same to his own Use, Rendring the Overplus (if any be.)

In Case of Non-payment for Woodlands, Wood to be Felled and Sold.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That where any Tax or Assess-

In Case of Non-payment for any Tythes, Tolls, Profits of Markets, Fairs, Fisheries, or other Annual Profits, not distrainable, so much thereof to be Seized and Sold as the Tax amounts to.

ment shall be Layed or Charged upon any Tythes, Tolls, Profits of Markets, Fairs or Fisheries, or other Annual Profits, not Distrainable, in Cals the same shall not be Paid within Fifteen Days after such Assessment so Charged, Laid and Demanded, then it shall and may be Lawful to and for the Collector, Constable or other Officer thereunto Appointed, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of Two or more of the Commissioners, to Sieze, Take and Sell so much of the Tythes, Tolls, and other Profits so Charged, as shall be Sufficient for the Levying the said Tax and Charges occasioned by such Non-Payment thereof, Rendring the Overplus to the Owner (if any be.)

And for the better Preventing such unjust Vexations as might be occasioned by such Persons as shall be Appointed Receivers General of any of the Sums of Money Granted by this Act, and to the Intent that the said Receivers General may Return a True Account into His Majesties Court of Exchequer, of such Sums of Money as shall be Received by them, and every of them, their, and every of their Head Collectors or Deputies, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any such Receivers General Return or Certifie into the said Court, any Sum or Sums of Money to be in Arrear and Unpaid, after the same have been Received, either by such Receiver General, or by his Head Collectors or Deputies, or any of them, or shall cause any Person or

Receivers General returning any into the Exchequer who have paid their Tax, to Forfeit treble Damage to the Party aggrieved, and to His Majesty double the Sum unjustly certified.

Persons

Perſons to be ſet Inſuper in the ſaid Court, for any Sum or Sums of Money that hath been ſo Received, that then every ſuch Receiver General ſhall be Liable to Pay to every ſuch Perſon and Perſons that ſhall be Moleſted, Vexed or Damaged, by reaſon of ſuch Unjuſt Certificate, Return, or ſetting Inſuper, Treble the Damages that ſhall be thereby occaſioned, the ſaid Damages to be Recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, in which no Eſſoign, Protection or Wager of Law ſhall be Allowed, nor any more than One Imparlance, and ſhall alſo Forfeit to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, Double the Sum that ſhall be ſo Unjuſtly Certified or Returned, or cauſed to be ſet Inſuper.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Commiſſioners that ſhall be Within any County, City or Place Within their reſpective Limits, or the major Part of them, ſhall Rate, Tax and Aſſeſs every other Commiſſioner joyned with them, for or in reſpect of their Perſons, Ready Money, Debts, Penſions, Annuities, Stock in Trade, or Stock upon Land, and alſo for and in reſpect of the Offices and Imployments of Profit or Profeſſions Which ſhall then be Held and Injoyed by ſuch Commiſſioner, ſo as the Reſidence and uſual Dwelling Place of ſuch Commiſſioner, ſo to be Taxed, be Within the Diviſion of ſuch Commiſſioners by Whom he is Taxed, and ſo as the Office, Imployment or Profeſſion, Held or Injoyed by ſuch Commiſſioner, ſo to be Taxed, Commiſſioners to Aſſeſs each other within their Diviſion.

be likewise Exercised within the Division or Limits of such Commissioners by whom he is to be Taxed; And the Commissioners within their Division, shall also Assess every Assessor within their Division, for all and singular the Matters and Things for which by this Act he ought to be Rated and Assessed; And as well all Sums Assessed upon every the said Commissioners and Assessors, as the Assessments Made and Set by the Assessors aforesaid, shall be Written, Estreated, Levied and Gathered, as the same should and ought to have been if such Commissioners had not been Named Commissioners.

Commissioners to Assess the Assessors.

And be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons, having any Share or Shares, or Interest in any Fresh Stream, or Running Water, brought to the North Parts of London, commonly called the New River, or in the Thames Water-Works, or in the Hyde-Park, Marybone or Hampsted Waters, or any Rents or Profits arising thereby; and all and every Person and Persons, having any Share or Interest in any Office or Stock for Insuring of Houses in cases of Fire, or in the Conver or other Lights, or in the Stock or Stocks of Printing of Books, in or belonging to the House, commonly called the Kings Printing-house, shall Pay for the same the Sum of Three Shillings for every Twenty Shillings of the full Yearly Value thereof; And they and all Companies of Merchants in London Charged by this Act, shall be

Every Person having a share in the *New-River*, *Thames*, *Hyde-Park*, *Marybone*, or *Hampsted* Waters, or Profits arising thereby,

Stock in the Office for Insuring of Houses,

Or in the Convex or other Lights,

Or in the Kings Printing-House, to pay 3 *s.* in the Pound of the full Yearly Value.

Assessed by the Commissioners to be Nominated and Appointed for the said City, or any Three or more of them, for their respective Shares and Interests aforesaid, and the aforesaid Joynt Stock or Stocks; And the same shall be paid by the Governours and respective Treasurers or Receivers of the said River-Waters, and Water-Works, and of the said Offices and Stocks respectively, and be Deducted at and out of their next Dividend.

These Stocks or Shares, and all Companies of Merchants in *London*, to be Assessed by Commissioners appointed for the City of *London*.

And the Sums to be paid by the respective Governors, Treasurers or Receivers.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them, may and shall, from time to time, Call for and Require an Account from the respective Receivers General of all the Money Received by them, their Head Collectors or Deputies, of or from the said Collectors, and of the Payments thereof into the Receipt of his Majesties Exchequer, according to the Direction of this Act; And in case of any Failure in the Premisses, the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them, are hereby Required to cause the same to be forthwith Levied and Paid, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Commissioners to require an Account from time to time, of the Moneys Received by the Receivers General, and of the Payments thereof into the Exchequer.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Letters Patents Granted by his Majesty, or any of his Royal Progenitors, to any Person or Persons, Cities, Boroughs or Towns Corporate within this Realm, of any manner of Liberties, Priviledges or Exemptions from Subsidies, Tolls, Tar-

No Letters Patents, or Priviledges to exempt from Payment of the Rates in this Act.

es, Assessments or Aids, shall be Construed or Taken to Exempt any Person or Persons, City, Borough or Town Corporate, or any of the Inhabitants of the same, or in the Tower of London, from the Burthen and Charge of any Sum or Sums of Money Granted by this Act, but that all and every such Person or Persons, City, Borough and Town Corporate, shall Pay their Proportions of all Rates and Assessments by this present Act Imposed, any such Letters Patents, Grants or Charters, or any Clause of Non obstante, Matter or Thing therein contained, or any Law, Statute, Custom or Prescription to the contrary notwithstanding.

No Person compelled to be an Assessor out of the limits of the City, Borough or Town Corporate where he lives.

Provided also, That no Person Inhabiting in any City, Borough or Town Corporate, shall be Compelled to be any Assessor or Collector, of or for any part of the Rates and Assessments hereby Granted, in any Place or Places out of the Limits of the said City, Borough or Town Corporate.

Assessments on Houses where Foreign Ministers shall be Resident, shall be paid by the Landlord or Owner.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That every Rate, Tax or Assessment which shall be Made or Imposed by Virtue of this Act, in respect of any House or Tenement which an Ambassador, Resident, Agent or other Publick Minister of any Foreign Prince or State, now doth or hereafter shall Inhabit or Occupy, shall be Paid by the Landlord or Owner of the said House or Tenements respectively.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Priviledged and

other Places, being Extraparochial, or not within the Constablewicks or Precincts of the respective Assessors to be Appointed by Virtue of this Act (although in any Monthly or other Tax they have not been Assessed or Rated heretofore) the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them, shall, and are hereby Required to Nominate and Appoint Two fit Persons, Living in or near the said Priviledged or other Places, as aforesaid, to be Assessors for the said Places, and to Make and Return the said Assessments, in like manner as by this Act is Appointed, in any Parish, Tything or Place, who are hereby Required to Collect and Pay the same, according to the Rates Appointed by this Act for Collecting and Paying all Sums of Money Payable by this Act.

In all Extraparochial and Priviledged Places, the Commissioners to Nominate Two Persons in or near the said Places to be Assessors.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Commissioner or Commissioners, who shall be Imployed in the Execution of this Act, shall be Liable, for or by reason of such Execution, to any of the Penalties mentioned in an Act made in the Five and twentieth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, for the Preventing of Dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants.

No Commissioner liable to the Penalties in the Act 25 *Car.* 2. touching Popish Recusants.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That no Person shall be Capable of Acting as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, or Executing any the Powers therein contained (unless it be the Power hereby given of Administring Oaths) until

No Commissioner capable to Act before he hath taken the Oaths in the Act 1 *W. & M.* for Abrogating the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and also the Oath hereby appointed.

till such time as he shall have taken the Oaths Appointed by an Act of Parliament, made in the First Year of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act for the Abrogating the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, and Appointing other Oaths: And also another Oath in the Form, or to the Effect following;

I *A. B.* Do Solemnly Promise and Swear, that I will Faithfully and Impartially Perform the Trust and Duty in me reposed, as a Commissioner for Putting in Execution the Powers contained in an Act, Intituled, *An Act for Granting an Aid to His Majesty, as well by a Land Tax, as by several Subsidies and other Duties payable for One Year.*

So help me God.

Which Oaths any Two of the Commissioners to Administer.

Which Oaths it shall be Lawful for any Two or more Commissioners to Administer, and they are hereby Required to Administer the same to any other Commissioner.

Every Papist or reputed Papist, of the Age of 16. or upwards, not having taken the Oaths in the Act 1 *W. & M.* to pay double.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Papist or reputed Papist, being of the Age of Sixteen Years and upwards, who shall not have taken the Oaths mentioned and required to be taken by the said last mentioned Act, shall Yield and Pay unto

his Majesty Double the Sums and Rates which by Force and Virtue of any Clause in this Act before mentioned or contained, he or she should or ought to Pay or be Charged with; to be Assessed, Levied, Collected, Answered, Recovered and Paid, in such manner, by such Ways and Means, and according to such Rules and Directions, and under such Penalties and Forfeitures as are before in this Act Expressed or Appointed, for and concerning the above mentioned Rates and Sums which are hereby intended to be Doubled, as aforesaid.

Provided nevertheless, That if any such Papist or reputed Papist within Ten Days after the First Meeting of the said Commissioners in the respective Counties or Places where he or she ought to be Taxed or Assessed, according to the Intent of this present Act, shall take the said Oaths before Two or more of the said Commissioners (which Oaths the said Two or more Commissioners are Impowered to Administer) in that case he or she shall not be liable to be Double Assessed, as aforesaid.

Unless he take the Oaths within Ten Days after the first Meeting of the Commissioners.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person, being of the Age of Sixteen Years and upwards, and being within this Realm at the time of the Execution of this Act, Who shall not before that time have taken the Oaths Mentioned and Required to be taken by the said Act, Intituled, An Act for the Abrogating the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance,

Every Person of 16. years of Age, who shall not have taken the Oaths before the time of the execution of the Act, and being Summon'd shall refuse to take the Oaths, or neglect to appear before the Commissioners in order thereto, to pay double.

giance, and Appointing other Oaths, and upon Summons by Warrant, under the Hand and Seal of any Two or more of the said Commissioners, shall Refuse to take the said Oaths at the time Appointed in the said Warrant, or shall Neglect to Appear at such time before the Commissioners, in order to take the said Oaths (which said Oaths the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them, are hereby Impowered and Required to Administer) shall Yield and Pay unto his Majesty Double the Sums and Rates which by Force and Virtue of any Clause in this Act before mentioned or contained, he or she should or ought to Pay or be Charged with, in manner as is before in this present Act Appointed touching Papists or reputed Papists.

Every Gentleman or so reputed, or being above that Quality, who (by the Act 3 *W & M.* for the Quarterly Poll, did or ought to have paid double) shall not Voluntarily take the Oaths before the Commissioners, within Ten Days after their first Meeting, to pay double.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Gentleman, or so Reputed, or Owning or Writing himself such, or being above that Quality, who by Virtue of an An made in the Third Year of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act for Raising Money by a Poll, Payable Quarterly for One Year, for Carrying on a Vigorous War against *France*, did Pay, or ought to have Paid Double the Sums Charged by the said Act, or were or ought to have been Returned into the Exchequer for Non-Payment thereof, who shall not Voluntarily Appear before the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them, within Ten Days after the first Meeting of the said Commissioners, in the respective Place or Places where he ought to

be Tax'd or Assessed, and take the said Oaths Appointed by the said Act, made in the First Year of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary (which Oaths the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them, are hereby Impowered and Required to Administer, and to make an Entry or Memorandum thereof in some Book to be kept for that Purpose) such Person shall be Charged with and Pay Double the Sum, which by Force and Virtue of this Act he should or ought to have Paid, to be Assessed, Levied, Collected, Answered, Recovered and Paid, in such manner, by such Ways and Means, and according to such Rules and Directions, and under such Penalties and Forfeitures, as are before in this Act Expressed or Appointed, for or concerning the abovementioned Rates or Sums which are hereby Intended to be Doubled, as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted, That any One or more of the said Commissioners, upon Information given, or upon any Cause of Suspicion in that behalf, shall, and are hereby Required and Injoyned to cause every suspected Person, or against whom such Information shall be given, to be Summoned to Appear to take the said Oaths, as aforesaid.

Commissioners upon Information or Suspicion, are required to Summon the Person suspected, to appear and take the Oaths.

Provided nevertheless, That whereas certain Persons, Dissenters from the Church of England, commonly called Quakers, and now known to be such, do Scruple the taking of any Oath, It shall be sufficient for any such Person to Make and Subscribe

Quakers, Instead of the Oaths, to make and subscribe the Declaration of Fidelity, 1 W. & M.

Subscribe the Declaration of Fidelity, contained in an Act made in the Parliament Held in the First Year of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act for Exempting Their Majesties Protestant Subjects Dissenting from the Church of *England* from the Penalties of certain Laws; Which Declaration any Two or more of the Commissioners, Appointed for the Execution of this Act, are hereby Impowered and Required to take; And every such Person so doing, shall not be Liable to, or Chargeable with any the Double Rates aforesaid.

Such Person so doing, shall not be liable to double Rates.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That where the Owners of any Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, are Liable to be doubly Charged, as Papists or Reputed Papists, or otherwise, by reason of their not having taken the Oaths, according to the Intent of this Act, in every such Case such Owners only shall be Charged with, and shall Pay the said Double Rates; And the respective Tenants of such Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments are hereby Discharged of and from the same, any Covenant for Payment of Taxes or other Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding.

Where the Owners of Lands are liable to the double Rates, such Owner only to pay the double Rate, and not the Tenant, notwithstanding any Covenant for payment of Taxes.

Provided that no Poor Person shall be Chargeable with, or Liable unto the Pound Rate Imposed by this Act, upon Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, that are not of the Yearly Value of Twenty Shillings in the Whole.

No Person liable to the Pound-Rate, whose Lands are not of the Yearly Value of 20 s.

Provided always, That the Right Honourable the Master of the Rolls, the Masters of Chancery, Six Clerks, Clerks of the Petty-Bag, Examiners, Registers, Clerks of the Inrollment, Clerks of the Affidavits, and Subpena Office, and all other the Officers of the Court of Chancery, that Execute their Offices within the Liberty of the Rolls, shall be there Assessed for their respective Offices, and not elsewhere.

Chancery Officers within the Liberty of the *Rolls*, shall be there Assessed.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Collector of any Parish or Place, shall keep in his Hands and Possession any Part of the Money by him Collected, for any longer time than is by this Act Directed (other than the Allowance made unto him by this Act) or shall Pay any Part thereof to any Person or Persons, other than to the Head Collector or Receiver General of such County or Place, or his respective Deputy, that every such Collector shall Forfeit for every such Offence the Sum of Ten Pounds; And in case any Head Collector shall keep in his Hands, any Part of the Money Paid to him by any Collector by Virtue of this Act, for any longer time than is by Virtue of this Act Directed, or shall Pay any Part thereof, to any Person or Persons, other than the Receiver General of such County or Place, or his Deputy, every such Head Collector shall Forfeit for every such Offence, the Sum of Forty Pounds.

If Collectors keep any Moneys in their Hands, or do not pay the same as this Act directs, to forfeit 10 *l.*

Head Collectors for the like Offence 40 *l.*

And for the more effectual Charging all the Duties hereby Imposed on Persons,

Wages, Annuities, Ready Money, Debts, Offices, Imployments, Professions and Stocks, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if after the Rates and Assessments, Directed by this Act, shall be made, any Person shall come to Inhabit or Reside in any Division or Place where such Person was not Rated or Taxed, the Commissioners Acting within such Division or Place, are hereby Required and Impowred to Summon such Person before them, and unless he or she shall Produce a Certificate, made according to the Directions of this Act, whereby it shall Appear that he or she was Assessed, and had Actually Paid all the precedent Monthly Payments in some other Place, for his or her Person, Wages, Annuity, Ready Money, Debts, Office, Imployment or Profession, Stock in Trade, or Stock upon Land, the said Commissioners shall, and are hereby Required to cause such Person to be Assessed or Taxed for the same, and cause the Money so Assessed or Taxed for the same, or such Monthly Payments thereof as shall be Unassessed and Unpaid, to be Assessed, Levied and Paid, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

If after the Assessment, any Person removes to a place where he was not Rated the Commissioners to Summon such Person before them, and cause him to be duly Rated, and to pay the Monthly payments, or such of them as shall be unpaid.

Provided always, That the Prison of the Kings Bench, the Prison-House, Lands, Gardens, and the Common Side, and all the Rents, Profits and Perquisites of the Office of the Marshal of the said Kings Bench Prison, lying and being in the Parish of Saint George the Martyr, in the Borough of Southwark, and County of Surrey; and also the Prison-

The *Kings Bench* Prison, with the Lands, &c.

Rents and Profits of the Office of Marshal.

Prison-House, Lands and Gardens of the Prison of the Marshal of the Marshalsea Prison, and all Offices, Perquisites and Profits of the Marshalsea Court and Prison, lying and being also in the said Parish of Saint George in the Borough of Southwark, and County of Surrey, shall be Charged and Assessed to the Assessment in the said Parish of Saint George, and Borough of Southwark, and not else where; Any thing to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And the Prison-House, Lands, &c. of the *Marshalsea* Prison, and Offices and Perquisites of the Marshals Court, shall be Charged and Assessed in the Parish of St. *George* in *Southwark*.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That if any Person hereby named a Commissioner, shall presume to Act as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, before he shall have taken the Oaths which by this Act he is Required to take, and in the manner hereby prescribed, he shall Forfeit to His Majesty the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds.

If any Person act as a Commissioner before he hath taken the Oaths, he forfeits 500 *l.* to the King.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Water-Works in the Borough of Southwark, shall be Rated and Assessed by the Commissioners and Assessors of the County of Surrey, and not by the Commissioners or Assessors for the City of London; Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Water-works in *Southwark* to be Rated by the Commissioners and Assessors of *Surrey*.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That all the Water-Works in the City or Liberty of Westminster, shall be Rated and Assessed by the Commissioners and Assessors for the said City and Liberty, and not by the Commissioners or Assessors of the said City

The Water-works in *Westminster* to be Rated by the Commissioners and Assessors for *Westminster*.

City of London; Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas the Receivers General are by this Act Appointed by a time limited, as aforesaid, to return a true Copy or Extract of the whole Sum Assessed and Charged within every Hundred, Riding, Lathe Wapentake, Parish, Ward or Place Rated or Assessed in pursuance of this Act, together with the Sums Assessed upon Personal Estates, Offices or Imployments, and to transmit the same into His Majesties Court of Exchequer; Be it further Enacted, That if any Receiver General by this Act Appointed shall Neglect or Refuse to return Duplicates, as Directed by this Act, of the Sums Assessed and Charged in the County, Riding, Lathe, Hundred, Wapentake, Parish, Ward or Places whereof he is Receiver General, within the time hereby limited, into His Majesties Exchequer, to the Office of the Kings Remembrancer, then every such Receiver General shall Forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any that will Sue for the same, and be thenceforth Incapable of any Office or Place of Trust in His Majesties Service.

Receivers General Refusing or Neglecting to Return Duplicates of the Assessments into the Exchequer by the times prefixt, shall forfeit 50 *l.* and be incapable of any Office of Trust under His Majesty.

Provided also, and be it Enacted, That all and every Auditor, Reeve, Receiver, and their Deputies, who Receive any Fee-Farm Rents or other Chief Rents due to His Majesty or the Queen Dowager, or to any other Person or Persons claiming by any Grant or Purchase from or under the Crown, shall Allow Three Shillings in the

The Auditors, &c. to allow 3 *s.* in the Pound out of any Fee-Farm or other Chief Rents payable to His Majesty, or the Q. Dowager, or any others by Grant or Purchase from the Crown, under the Penalty of 10 *l.*

Pound, and proportionably for any greater or lesser Sum, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, to the Party and Parties so Paying the same, without any Fee for such Allowance, upon the Penalty of Forfeiting the Sum of Ten Pounds, and Losing their respective Places and Offices if they fail therein.

Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby further Enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend to Charge or Tax any Rector, Vicar or Curate, who Serves the Cure of Souls, and actually Resides upon his Rectory, Vicaridge or Curacy or Personally Serves the Cure of such Rectory, Vicaridge or Curacy (upon the Account of such his Rectory, Vicaridge or Curacy only) unless his Rectory, Vicaridge or Curacy, Rectories, Vicaridges or Curacies, do really and truly Exceed the Value of Fourty Pounds by the Year.

Rectories, Vicaridges, or Curacies under 40 *l. per An.* shall not be Taxed, if the Rector, Vicar, or Curate serves the Cure, and resides upon the place.

Provided always, That nothing contained in this Act shall be Construed or Taken to Discharge any Tenant of any the Houses or Lands belonging to the said Colleges, Halls, Hospitals, Almshouses or Schools, or any of them, who by their Leases or other Contracts are and do stand obliged to Pay and Discharge all Rates, Tares and Impositions whatsoever, but that they and every of them, shall be Rated and Pay all such Rates, Tares and Impositions; Any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

No Tenant of Houses or Lands belonging to Colleges, Halls, Hospitals, Almshouses or Schools, who by their Contracts are obliged to pay all Taxes, shall be exempted.

Provided always, and it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Allowance of Three half Pence in the Pound to the Commissioners Clerks herein before mentioned, shall not be Paid by the respective Receivers General, until the said Clerks for the respective Counties or Places do Procure a Certificate from the Office of the Kings Remembrancer in the Exchequer (which Certificate shall be made without Delay or Reward) that such Clerks shall have Perfected the Duplicates, and Transmitted the same into the said Office, as is herein before Directed.

The allowance of Three Halfpence in the Pound to the Commissioners Clerks, not to be paid, but upon their producing Certificates from the Kings Remembrancer of the Duplicates being transmitted into his Office.

Which Certificate to be made without Fee.

And whereas several Members of Parliament, by reason of their Abiding Within the Cities of London and Westminster, or the Suburbs of the same, during former Sessions of Parliament, have, by the Assessors there, been Tared for their Personal Estates, and to the Payment of Poll Money, and the same Members have also been Tared for the same in the several Counties where their Mansion Houses or Chief Places of Residence have usually been, and by Occasion of such Double Assessment have been put to unreasonable Vexation and Charge; Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Members of Parliament, Who at the Execution of this Act, during this or any Session of Parliament, shall Sojourn or Abide Within the said Cities of London and Westminster, or the Suburbs of the same, shall for and in respect of the said Personal Tar

Members of Parliament to be Assessed for their Personal Tax of 4 d. per Month, and for their Ready Money and Debts, in the usual places of their Residence during the Intervals of Parliament.

Tax of Four Pence per Month, and in respect of the said Taxes or Duties to be Charged upon their Ready Money and Debts, be Assessed only in the Places where such Members have their Mansion Houses, or other Places where they most usually Reside, during the Intervals of the Sessions of Parliament; Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Member of Parliament, whose Mansion House or most usual Place of Residence during the Intervals of the Sessions of Parliament, is not within the Cities of London and Westminster, or within Twenty Miles of the same, shall be Assessed by Virtue of this Act, for his Money or Debts, Owing to him, for which he is to give a Specification, as aforesaid, or for any Stock in Trade, or Stock upon Land, until Twenty Days after the Rising of this present Parliament, either by Prorogation or otherwise: And that the Servants attending the Persons of the said Members, shall not be Assessed for their Wages, until the time aforesaid; At which Day or Time, and not sooner, the Assessors of the respective Parishes or Places where such Money, Debts or Stock are by this Act Appointed to be Charged, shall begin to Assess and Charge the same, together with the Wages of such Servants, as aforesaid; And they and all others, by this Act Entrusted for the Charging, Assessing, Ascertaining, Levying or Receiving of the Duties hereby

No Member of Parliament whose usual Residence is not within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, or 20 Miles of the same, to be Assessed for his Money, Debts, Stock in Trade, or upon Lands, until 20 days after the Rising of this present Parliament.

Servants attending the said Members, not to be Assessed for their Wages until the time aforesaid.

by Intended to be Impoſed upon ſuch Members of Parliament, for their Money, Debts or Stock, ſhall proceed therein, from and after Twenty Days after the Riſing of this preſent Parliament, either by Prorogation or otherwiſe (and that the Servants attending the Perſons of the ſaid Members, ſhall not be Aſſeſſed for their Wages until the time aforeſaid) as Fully and Effectually, as if ſuch Money, Debts or Stock were Comprehended in the General Aſſeſſment for ſuch Pariſhes or Places reſpectively, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Upon Oath before the Commiſſioners, that any Debts contained in the Specifications required by this Act, are deſperate, the Commiſſioners to inform themſelves, and then to Charge or Diſcharge as they ſee cauſe.

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall Deliver ſuch Specification or Particular in Writing, of the Debts at Intereſt, Owing to him, her or them, to the ſaid Commiſſioners, as is Required by this Act, ſhall make Oath before them, or any Two or more of them (who are hereby Directed and Impowered to Adminiſter the ſame) that any Debt or Debts, contained in ſuch Specification or Particular, is or are Deſperate, and that he, ſhe or they do verily believe the ſame will never be Satisfied or Recovered, then and in every ſuch Caſe and Caſes, the ſaid Commiſſioners, by all Lawful Ways and Means, ſhall Examine and Inform themſelves of the Nature of ſuch Particular Debt or Debts, and the Securities for the ſame, and whether ſuch Securities be Sufficient or Inſufficient; and thereupon either to continue the Charge of the Tax

or Duties hereby Intended, upon such a particular Debt or Debts, or to Discharge the Party or Parties Complaining thereof, as to such Commissioners shall seem Meet and Reasonable, and the Discharging of such particular Debt or Debts from the Duty hereby Imposed thereupon, shall be Noted upon such Specification, and the Duplicate thereof to be given, as is before in this Act Directed, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Discharge to be Noted upon the Specification, and the Duplicates thereof.

And to the end that such Persons as duly give Specifications in Writing, to Charge themselves with the Duty by this Act Imposed, for or in respect of Debts Owing to them at Interest, may have a Deduction or Allowance made to them out of the same, for such Debts as they do really and bona fide Owe at Interest to any other Person or Persons, according to the True Meaning hereof, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every such Person and Persons, when he or they shall Deliver such Spetifications, as aforesaid, shall or may also give the Commissioners an Account of the Debts which such Person shall actually and bona fide Owe to any other Person and Persons at Interest, and such Commissioner being Satisfied in the Truth thereof, either by the Oath of the Party (which they, or any Two or more of them, have hereby Power to Administer) or by other good Information, shall make a Proportionable Allowance or Deduction, for or in respect of such Debts, which he Owes at

Persons giving an Account of the Moneys they Owe at Interest, at the time they deliver in their Specifications, the Commissioners being satisfied therewith by Oath or otherwise, shall make a proportionable Allowance or Deduction out of the Tax.

Intereſt to others, out of the Tax or Duty for the Debts contained in his Specification, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Whoſe Lands, &c. are, and from the 29th of *Sept.* 1696. have been in the actual Poſſeſſion of any Perſon, for Debts to which the ſame were liable, ſuch Debts are not to be Charged by this Act.

Provided always, that where any Perſon or Perſons are, and from the Nine and twentieth Day of September, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety and ſix, or longer, have been in the Actual Poſſeſſion of any Manors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, by the Real Receipt of the Rents or Profits of the ſame, by Virtue of any Mortgage, or other Security, for any Debt or Debts, whereunto ſuch Lands, or other the Premiſſes were formerly Liable, in all ſuch Caſes, this Act or any thing herein contained, ſhall not extend to Charge any ſuch Debt or Debts, for which ſuch Poſſeſſion is gained, to or with the Payment of the ſaid Duty hereby Impoſed, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

All or any part of the Rates may be paid in Hammer'd Silver Money, at 5 *s.* and 8 *d.* an Ounce at any time before the 1*ſt* of *June*, 1697.

And whereas ſeveral Perſons who ſhall be Aſſeſſed by this Act, for or in reſpect of their Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Offices, Perſons, Stocks, Debts, or other Matters or Things hereby Intended to be Charged, may be Willing and Deſirous to Pay or Satisfie at once in Hammered Silver Moneys at the Rate of Five Shillings and Eight Pence an Ounce, all or ſeveral of the Monthly Payments by this Act Intended to be Satisfied by them, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be Lawful, to and for any Perſon or Perſons, at any time before

fore the First Day of June, One thousand six hundred ninety and seven, to Satisfie and Pay to the respective Collector or Collectors, in such Hammered Silver Moneys, at such Rate, as aforesaid, all or any of the said Monthly Payments Assessed upon him, her or them, for the said Whole Year, or for any Months thereof before hand; Which said Collectors are hereby Enjoyned and Required, upon every such Payment so made before hand, to give the Party or Parties paying the same, an Aquittance, Expressing the Sum Received for such Monthly Payments, for the respective Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Offices, Persons, Stocks, Debts, or other Matters or Things, for which such Payment shall be so made, and every such Acquittance shall be a good Discharge against His Majesty, His heirs and Successors, as if the Sums Chargeable by this Act, on such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Offices, Persons, Stocks, Debts, or other Matters or Things, were Assessed or Answered at such several and respective Monthly Payments as are above mentioned, any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

In Case the Assessors Neglect, the Commissioners are to take care that Papists and Persons not taking the Oaths, be doubly Charged.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases where any Assessor or Assessors who by this Act are Required to make a Double Assessment upon Papists or reputed Papists, or other Persons for not taking of Oaths, as aforesaid, shall Neglect to do his or their Duty therein, the respective Com-

missioners of the County, Riding, Hundred, Division or Place where such Double Assessment ought to have been made, or any Three or more of them, shall take Care, and they are hereby Authorized and Required to cause such Papist or other Person to be Doubly Charged according to the True Intent of this Act.

Persons beyond Sea, and Minors, having Moneys at Interest in this Kingdom, their Trustees or Guardians to pay the Duties.

Provided also, and it is hereby Enacted, That where any Person or Persons being now beyond the Seas, or any Minor or Minors, under the Age of One and twenty Years, hath or shall have any Moneys upon Securities at Interest in this Kingdom in his or their Name or Names, or in the Name or Names of any other Person or Persons in trust for him or them, the Trustees or Guardians of the said Person or Persons shall Pay, and are hereby Required to Pay the Duties Appointed by this Act, and shall be, and are hereby Indempnified and Saved Harmless for their so doing; Any thing contained in this Act, or in any other Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Receivers General to keep a distinct Account of the 3 s. in the Pound upon Lands, &c.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Receiver General to be Appointed by His Majesty, as aforesaid, his Deputy or Deputies, shall in his Receipts, Payments and Accounts separate, and keep apart all the Moneys by him or them to be Received for or upon the said Duty of Three Shillings in the Pound, by this Act Charged, upon Manors, Messuages, [illegible]nds, Rents, Tenements, Hereditaments, [illegible]ther the Premisses, Chargeable with the

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the ſaid Tax or Pound Rate of Three Shillings in the Pound, ſo that the ſame ſhall be Diſtinct from his or their Receipts, Payments and Accounts, of or for all other the Duties or Moneys by this Act Granted; And in caſe any ſuch Receiver General, or his Deputy or Deputies, ſhall Pay any part of the Moneys Paid to him or them by any Collector or Head Collector, by Virtue of this Act, for the ſaid Pound Rate or Tax of Three Shillings in the Pound, to to any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, other than into the Receipt of his Majeſties Exchequer, and at or within the reſpective times Limited by this Act, unleſs it be Hammered Money, to be firſt carried to the next Mints, and after Recoined to be brought to the Exchequer; or in caſe any ſuch Receiver General, his Deputy or Deputies ſhall Pay any Part of the ſaid Moneys ariſing by the ſaid Pound Rate, or Tax of Three Shillings in the Pound, by any Warrant of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or the Lord Treaſurer, Under Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the time being, or upon any Tally of Pro, or Tally of Anticipation, or other Way or Device whatſoever, whereby to Divert or Hinder the actual Payment thereof into the Receipt of the Exchequer, as aforeſaid, That then ſuch Receiver General ſhall, for every ſuch Offence of himſelf or his Deputy, Forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds to him or them that will Sue for the ſame, in any Court of Record, by Bill, Plaint, or other Information, wherein no

Receiver General, or his Deputy, Miſapplying any part of the Moneys ariſing by the Pound Rate of 3 s. in the Pound, ſhall forfeit 500 l.

Esloign, Protection or Wager of Law is to be Allowed.

Commissioners of the Treasury, or Lord Treasurer, not to direct Warrant for payment of any Moneys arising by the said Pound Rate of 3 s. otherwise than into the Exchequer.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That the Commissioners of the Treasury, or the Lord Treasurer, Under Treasurer, or Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, or any of them, do not Direct any Warrant to any of the said Head Collectors or Receivers General, or their Deputies, for the Payment of any Part of the Moneys arising by the said Tax or Pound Rate of Three Shillings, to any Person or Persons, other than into the Receipt of the Exchequer, as aforesaid; Nor

Nor to the Officers of the Exchequer for Striking any Talleys of Pro or Anticipation upon the same.

shall they nor any of them Direct any Warrant to the Officers of the Exchequer, for the Striking any Tally of Pro, or Tally of Anticipation, nor do any other Matter or Thing, whereby to Divert the Actual Payment of the said Moneys so arising by the said Tax, or Pound Rate of Three Shillings in the Pound, into the Receipt of the Exchequer; Nor shall the Officers of the Exchequer Strike or Direct, or Record the Striking of any Tally of Pro, or Tally of Anticipation, upon any of the said Moneys, upon any Account or Warrant whatsoever; Nor

Nor any Teller Charge himself with any of the said Moneys, till he has actually receiv'd it.

shall any Teller throw down any Bill, whereby to Charge himself with any of the said Moneys, until he shall actually have Received the same.

No stay of Process for any of the Penalties by this Act inflicted.

Provided also, and be it Enacted, That no Stay of Prosecution upon any Command, Warrant, Motion, Order or Direction by Non vult ulterius prosequi shall be had, made, admitted, received or allowed by any Court

whatſoever, in any Suit or Proceeding, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, or otherwiſe, for the Recovery of all or any of the Pains, Penalties or Forfeitures upon any Perſon or Perſons by this Act Inflicted or therein Mentioned, for or in order to the Conviction or Diſability of any Perſon Offending againſt this Act.

Provided always, and be it hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every the Principal Sums of Money which have been Lent to His Majeſty, and do remain Unſatisfied upon Credit of ſuch Contributions for Annuities, as were Authorized to be made by the Act of Parliament made in the Seventh Year of His Majeſties Reign, Intituled, An Act for Enlarging the Times to come in and Purchaſe certain Annuities therein mentioned, and for Continuing the Duties formerly Charged on Low Wines or Spirits of the Firſt Extraction, for Carrying on the War againſt *France*, and all and every the Orders of Loan for the ſame, ſhall be in the Firſt Place or Places Transferred to, and Placed upon the Regiſter Appointed to be kept by this Act for the ſaid Pound Rate or Tax of Three Shillings in the Pound, in Courſe as they were Lent; And that all and every the Principal Sums of Money which ſince the Firſt Day of July, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſix, and before the Firſt Day of February, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſix, have been or ſhall be Lent to his Majeſty at the Receipt of Exchequer, upon Credit of the Exchequer in General, and

Loans on Credit of Contributions for Annuities, purſuant to an Act 7 *W.* remaining unſatisfied, to be in the firſt place Transferred to the Regiſter appointed for the Tax of 3 *s.* in the Pound.

In the next place all Moneys Lent, or that ſhall be Lent on the Exchequer in general, between the 1*ſt July* 1696. and the 1*ſt. Febr.* 1696. ſhall be Regiſtred on the ſaid Tax of 3 *s.* in the Pound.

and have been or shall be Issued for the Service of the Navy, Victualling, and Land Forces, or for Carrying on the Works of the Mints, and all and every the Orders of Loan for the same, shall be in the Subsequent Place or Places Transferred to, and Placed upon the Register Appointed to be kept, as aforesaid, for the said Pound Rate or Tax of Three Shillings in the Pound, in Course as they were Lent, and next after the several Loans before by this Act Appointed to be Transferred, as aforesaid; Which Transferrences are hereby Required to be made, by Virtue of this Act, without making any Issues, or taking any Receipts from the Parties in order to Transfer the said Loans; And that the Principal Moneys upon the said Orders so Transferred, shall be Payable and Paid to the respective Lenders of the same, his, her or their Executors, Administrators or Assigns, out of the Moneys arising by Virtue of this Act, or for the said Pound Rate or Tax of Three Shillings in the Pound, in the same Course and Order they are hereby Appointed to be Transferred, and with Preferrence to the Loans which any Person or Persons shall make hereafter on the Credit of the said Pound Rate, or Tax of Three Shillings in the Pound; And that the Interest Due, or to be Due, for all the said Principal Sums so to be Transferred, as aforesaid, shall be Paid and Satisfied out of the Moneys arising by the said Pound Rate, or Tax of Three Shillings in the Pound,

pound, until the reſpective times of the Satisfaction of the Principal; And that any Perſon or Perſons, who are or ſhall be Intituled to any Moneys to be Paid by ſuch Orders, to be Transferred, as aforeſaid, ſhall or may Aſſign over the ſame to any Perſon or Perſons, which Aſſignments ſhall be Good and Effectual in Law, and ſo toties quoties, any thing in this preſent Act, or in any former Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithſtanding.

The Transfer'd Orders of Loan to be Aſſignable.

Provided always, and it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be Lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons, Natives or Foreigners, Bodies Politick or Corporate, to Advance and Lend to His Majeſty upon the Security of the ſaid Pound Rate, or Tax of Three Shillings for every Twenty Shillings, upon Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Hereditaments, and other the Premiſſes, Chargeable with the Payment of Three Shillings in the Pound, as aforeſaid, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding the Sum of One Million Five hundred thouſand Pounds, including the Sums by this Act Appointed to be Transferred; And to Have and Receive for the Forbearance thereof, Intereſt after the Rate of Eight Pounds for every One hundred Pounds for One Whole Year; And moreover, That no Money ſo Lent upon the Security of this Act, ſhall be Rated or Aſſeſſed by Virtue of this Act, or any other Act of Parliament whatſoever.

Borrowing Clauſe for any Sums not exceeding 1500000 *l.* (including the Sums Transfer'd) at the Intereſt of 8 *l. per Cent.* on Credit of the Tax of 3 *s.* in the Pound.

Moneys Lent on this Act not to be Taxed.

And to the end that all Moneys which shall be so Lent to His Majesty may be well and sufficiently Secured out of the Moneys arising, of or for the said Pound Rate, or Tax of Three Shillings in the Pound, Payable by this Act, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be Provided and Kept in His Majesties Exchequer (that is to say) in the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt, One Book and Register, in which all the Moneys that shall be Paid into the Exchequer, by Virtue of this Act, of or for the said Pound Rate, or Tax of Three Shillings in the Pound, shall be Entred and Registred apart and distinct from all other Moneys, Paid or Payable to His Majesty, upon any other Branch of His Majesties Revenue, or upon any other Account Whatsoever; And that all and every Person and Persons, who shall Lend any Money to His Majesty upon the Credit of the said Pound Rate, or Tax of Three Shillings in the Pound, and Pay the same into the Receipt of the Exchequer, shall immediately have a Tally of Loan Struck for the same, and an Order for his or their Repayment, bearing the same Date with his Tally, in which Order shall be also contained a Warrant for Payment of Interest for the Forbearance thereof, not Exceeding Eight Pounds per Centum per Annum for his Consideration, to be Paid every Three Months, untill the Repayment of the Principal; And that all Orders for Repayment of Money shall be Registred

A Distinct Register to be kept of the 3 s. in the Pound.

Interest to be payable every Three Months.

giſtred in Courſe, according to the Date of the Tally reſpectively, without other Preferrence of One before another; And that all and every Perſon and Perſons ſhall be paid in Courſe, according as their Orders ſhall ſtand Regiſtred in the ſaid Regiſter Book, ſo as the Perſon, Native or Foreigner, his Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns who ſhall have his Order or Orders firſt Entred in the ſaid Book of Regiſter, ſhall be taken and accounted the firſt Perſon to be Paid upon the Moneys to come in by Virtue of this Act, of or for the ſaid Pound Rate or Tax of Three Shillings in the Pound, and he or they who ſhall have his or their Order or Orders next Entred, ſhall be taken and accounted to be the ſecond Perſon to be Paid, and ſo ſucceſſively and in courſe; And that the Moneys to come in by this Act, of or for the ſaid Pound Rate or Tax of Three Shillings in the Pound, ſhall be in the ſame Order, liable to the Satisfaction of the ſaid reſpective Parties, their Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns ſucceſſively, without Undue Preferrence of one before another, and not otherwiſe, and ſhall not be Diverted or Divertible to any other Uſe, Intent or Purpoſe whatſoever; And that no Fee, Reward or Gratuity, Directly or Indirectly be Demanded or Taken of any His Majeſties Subjects for Providing or Making of any ſuch Books, Regiſters, Entries, Views or Search, in or for Payment of Money Lent, or the Intereſt thereof, as aforeſaid, by any of His Majeſties

Loans on the Regiſter to be paid in Courſe.

Majesties Officer or Officers, their Clerks or Deputies, on Pain of Payment of Double Damages to the Party Agrieved by the Party Offending, with Costs of Suit, or if the Officer himself Take or Demand any such Fee or Reward, then to lose his Place also; And if any Undue Preferrence of one before another shall be made, either in Point of Registry or Payment, contrary to the true Meaning of this Act, by any such Officer or Officers, then the Party Offending shall be liable, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, to Pay the Value of the Debt, Damages and Cost to the Party Agrieved, and shall be forejudged from his Place or Office; And if such Preferrence be unduly made by any his Deputy or Clerk, Without Direction or Privity of his Master, then such Deputy or Clerk only shall be liable to such Action, Debt, Damage and Cost, and shall be for ever after Uncapable of his Place or Office; And in case the Auditor shall not Direct the Order, or the Clerk of the Pells Record, or the Teller make Payment, according to each Persons due Place and Order, as afore directed, then he or they shall be Adjudged to Forfeit, and their respective Deputies and Clerks herein Offending, to be Liable to such Action, Debt, Damages and Costs, in such manner, as aforesaid; All which said Penalties, Forfeitures, Damages and Costs, to be Incurred by any of the Officers of the Exchequer, or any their Deputies or Clerks, shall and may be Recovered by Action of Debt, Bill,

Penalties for undue preferrence.

plaint or Information, in any of His Majesties Courts of Record at Westminster, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, Injunction or Order of Restraint, shall be in any wise Granted or Allowed.

Provided always, and be it hereby Declared, That if it happen that several Tallies of Loan or Orders for Payment, as aforesaid, bear Date, or be brought the same Day to the Auditor of the Receipt to be Registred, then it shall be Interpreted no Undue Preferrence which of those be Entred first, so as he Enters them all the same Day.

Provided also, That it shall not be Interpreted any Undue Preferrence to Incur any Penalty in Point of Payment, if the Auditor Direct, and the Clerk of the Pells Record, and the Tellers do Pay Subsequent Orders of Persons that come and Demand their Moneys, and bring their Orders before other Persons that did not come to take their Money, and bring their Order in their Course, so as there be so much Money reserved as will Satisfie precedent Orders, which shall not be otherwise Disposed, but kept for them, Interest upon Loan being to cease from the time the Money is so reserved and kept in Bank for them.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person and Persons to whom any Money shall be due for Loans, by Virtue of this Act, after Order Entred in the Book of Register afore- Orders of Loan made Assignable.

ſaid, his Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns, by Indorſement of his Order, may Aſſign and Transfer his Right, Title, Intereſt and Benefit of ſuch Order, or any part thereof, to any other, which being Notified in the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt aforeſaid, and an Entry or Memorial thereof alſo made in the Book of Regiſter aforeſaid, for Orders, which the Officers ſhall, upon requeſt, without Fee or Charge, accordingly make, ſhall Intitle ſuch Aſſignee, his Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns to the Benefit thereof, and Payment thereon, and ſuch Aſſignee may, in like manner, Aſſign again, and ſo toties quoties, and afterwards it ſhall not be in the Power of ſuch Perſon or Perſons who have or hath made ſuch Aſſignments to make Void, Releaſe or Diſcharge the ſame, or any the Moneys thereby due, or any part thereof.

Authority to the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or High Treaſurer, to iſſue Bills at the Exchequer for any Sums not exceeding 1500000 *l.* for the uſe of the War.

And for the better and more ſpeedy Anſwering of the Supplies hereby Granted, or that ſhall or may be Granted for the Year of our Lord, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety and ſeven, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Commiſſioners of his Majeſties Treaſury, or any Three of them now being, or for the High Treaſurer, or any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of his Majeſties Treaſury for the time being, to cauſe Bills to be made forth at the Receipt of the Exchequer, in ſuch Manner and Form as they ſhall appoint, for any Sum or Sums of Money,

not Exceeding the Sum of One Million five hundred thousand Pounds, by Virtue of this Act, and to Issue the same from time to time to such Uses of the War, and in such Proportions as they shall think fit.

And it is hereby Enacted and Ordained, That the said Bills, and every of them, so to be Issued, shall be Current and Pass in all Payments to any of His Majesties Receivers or Collectors of any Aids, Taxes or Supplies hereby Granted, or that shall or may be Granted for the Service of the War, for the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred ninety and seven, Except for the Aid of Three Shillings in the Pound, and to and from all others who have, or may have the Receipt of any of the said Aids, Taxes or Supplies, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Which Bills to be current in all Payments, for any Aids or Supplies for the War for the Year 1697. except for the 3 s. in the Pound.

And be it further Enacted, That all and every the said Receivers, Collectors and others, shall, and are hereby Directed, and Required, from time to time, out of such Milled Money or Gold as shall be in their Hands, to Pay such Bills as shall be brought unto them by any Person or Persons desirous to have Money for the same, upon Penalty of Forfeiting to the Party Grieved Double the Sum so Detained or Refused, to be Recovered by Action of Debt, Bill or Plaint, in any of His Majesties Courts of Record, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Injunction or Wager of Law shall be Allowed, or any more than one Imparlance.

Receivers out of Mill'd Money or Gold in their Hands, to pay such Bills as shall be brought to them, under penalty of Forfeiting double the Sum.

And

Receivers upon payment of any of the said Bills into the Exchequer, to have Talleys for their Discharge.

And be it further Enacted, That as any of the said Bills shall be Paid into the Exchequer by any of his Majesties Receivers aforesaid, the Officers of the said Exchequer shall cause Tallies to be Levied and Delivered to the said Receivers for their Discharge, as Amply and Effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if they had Paid Money in Specie; And that such of the said Bills as shall be Paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer shall be immediately Cancelled.

And the Bills so paid in, to be immediately Cancelled.

If any Money paid into the Exchequer for any Supplies for the Year 1697. (except for the 3 s. Aid) to be applied to Take up and Cancel such Bills as shall be brought by any Person to the Receipt of Exchequer.

And for the more Certain and Regular Answering, Discharging and Cancelling all the said Bills hereby Authorized to be Issued, as aforesaid, Be it Enacted, That all and every the Sum and Sums of Money which shall happen at any time or times to be Paid into the Exchequer in Specie, for any of the Aids or Supplies hereby Granted or to be Granted (Except as aforesaid) for the Service of the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred ninety and seven, shall be then immediately Applied, so far as it will extend, to take Up and Cancel the Bills which shall be brought by any Person to the said Receipt of Exchequer; And that

If the Supplies for the year 1697 (except the 3 s. Aid) be deficient of 1500000 l. Authorized to be issued in Bills, such Deficiency to be in the first place made good out of Moneys to be Raised by any Act of next Session of Parliament.

if it shall happen that the Aids or Supplies hereby Granted (Except as aforesaid) in Bills that shall or may be Granted for the War, for the Year One thousand six hundred ninety and seven, shall fall Short or be Deficient of Raising the said Sum of One Million Five hundred thousand Pounds so Authorized, to be Issued in Bills, as aforesaid,

foreſaid, It is hereby Enacted and Declared, That ſuch Deficiency ſhall be in the firſt place made Good and Supplied out of any the Moneys that ſhall be Raiſed by any Act or Acts of the next Seſſion of Parliament.

And be it Enacted, That every Receiver General who ſhall be Intruſted in the Receipt of any of the Aids, Taxes or Supplies Granted or to be Granted, for the Service of the War, in the Year One thouſand ſix hundred ninety and ſeven, ſhall keep fair Books of Account in Writing of all the Moneys by him Received, in which he or his Deputy or Deputies, ſhall truly Enter all the Sums by him or them to be Received for every ſuch Aid, Tax or Supply reſpectively, together with the Names of each Collector, and the Days when, and Sums Paid, and how much thereof is Hammered Money, and how much in Milled Money, or in Gold, and of all Bills by him Paid in purſuance of this Act; to which Account every Perſon concerned ſhall have free Acceſs, at all Seaſonable Times, Without Fee or Charge; And the ſaid Accounts ſhall conſtantly lie open at one certain Place, Within the Limits of his Receipt, for that purpoſe; And if ſuch Receiver ſhall Neglect to keep ſuch Book, or to Enter therein any Sum or Sums of Money by him or them Received and Paid, as aforeſaid, by the Space of Three Days, after his or their Receipt or Payment of the ſame, or ſhall Refuſe any Perſon or Perſons concerned to inſpect ſuch Book Without Fee or Charge,

Receiver General to enter in Books all the Sums he receives, the Names of each Collector, the Days when, and Sums paid, how much in Hammered, and how much in Milled Money or Gold, and of all Bills by him paid in purſuance of this Act.

The Books to lye conſtantly open at one certain place within his Receipt, to which all Perſons to have acceſs.

Receiver for Neglect to keep ſuch Book, or to Enter his Receipts by the ſpace of Three Days, or Refuſing any Perſon to inſpect the ſame, Forfeits for every Offence 100 *l.*

as aforesaid, every such Receiver shall Forfeit for every such Offence the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to any Person or Persons who shall Sue for the same, and to be Recovered by Action of Debt, or of the Case, Bill, Suit or Information, as aforesaid.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That by the first Bills to be Issued, as aforesaid, or out of the first Moneys coming into the Exchequer by this Act, for any the Duties hereby Granted, except the said Pound Rate or Duty of Three Shillings in the Pound, and Loans thereupon, the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds is hereby Declared to be Appropriated for Payment of such Sums of Money as were Due to any Persons whatsoever, for Quartering of Soldiers between the First Day of January, One thousand six hundred ninety and four, and the First Day of January, One thousand six hundred ninety and six, and shall not be otherwise Paid before the First Day of February, One thousand six hundred ninety and six, within any County, City, Borough or Place within this Kingdom; And the Lord Treasurer, or the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, are hereby Directed and Required to Apply the same accordingly, and to no other Use, Intent or Purpose whatsoever; But in case the several Arrears for Quarters Due, as aforesaid, shall not amount to the said Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds, Then, and in such Case, such Part only of the said Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds,

200000 *l.* out of the first Bills to be issued, or the first Moneys arising by this Act (except the 3 *s.* Aid, and Loans thereon, appropriated for payment of Soldiers Quarters in *England* between 1*st. Jan.* 1694. and 1*st. Jan.* 1696. not otherwise satisfied before 1*st. Feb.* 1696. if they amount to so much.

pounds, shall be, and is hereby Declared to be Appropriated, as shall be sufficient for the Payment of such Quarters, and is hereby Directed and Required to be Applied accordingly.

Felony to Counterfeit the Exchequer Bills, &c.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall Forge or Counterfeit any such Bill of Credit, as aforesaid, or Tender in Payment any such Forged or Counterfeited Bill of Credit, or Demand Money thereupon of any Receiver, or at the Exchequer, (knowing the Bill so Tendred or whereupon the Money shall be so Demanded to be actually Forged or Counterfeited) and with an Intention to Defraud His Majesty, or any other Person or Persons, That then every such Person or Persons so Offending (being thereof Convicted in due Form of Law) shall be Adjudged Guilty of Felony, and Suffer the Pains and Penalties of Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

50000 *l. per An.* to the Prince and Princess of *Denmark*, Discharged from paying the Duties by this Act imposed.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act, nor any thing therein contained, shall Charge or be Construed to Charge his Royal Highness Prince George Hereditary of Denmark, and her Royal Highness the Princess Anne of Denmark, or either of them, or their Trustees, with the above mentioned Duty or Payment of Four Shillings and Four Pence for every Twenty Shillings by the Year, for or in respect of the Yearly Sums of Thirty thousand Pounds and Twenty thousand Pounds by the Year, Granted to several Persons in Trust for their

their Royal Highneſſes, by ſeveral Letters Patents under the Great Seal of England, bearing Date on or about the Twentieth Day of February, One thouſand ſix hundred eighty and five, and the Three and twentieth Day of May, One thouſand ſix hundred and ninety, but that the ſaid Annuities or Yearly Sums, and their Royal Highneſſes, and their Truſtees in reſpect of the ſame, ſhall, by Virtue hereof, be Acquitted and Diſcharged of, from and againſt the ſaid Duty of Four Shillings and Four Pence for every Twenty Shillings by the Year, and all Payments whatſoever which might be Charged by this Act for or in reſpect of the ſaid Yearly Sums of Thirty thouſand Pounds, and Twenty thouſand Pounds by the Year, as if this Act had never been made; Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Perſons not Charged (over and above the 4 *d. per Menſem*) with the Duties on Wages, Penſions, Salaries, Offices or Imployments of the Yearly Value of 8 *l.* or for their own Lands or Tenements of the Yearly Value of 40 *s.* or for Money or Stock of the Value of 5 *l.* ſhall not be Charged with the 4 *d. per* Month for their Children under the Age of 16. Years.

Provided always, and be it Enacted and Declared by the Authority aforeſaid, That any Perſon or Perſons who are not Charged over and above the Four Pence per Month by this Act, with any of the Taxes or Duties for or in reſpect of any Wages, Penſions, Salaries, Offices or Imployments of the Yearly Value of Eight Pounds, or in Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments of his or her own, of the Yearly Value of Fourty Shillings, or for or in reſpect of Ready Money at Intereſt, or Stock upon Land, or Stock in Trade, of the full Value of Five Pounds, ſhall not be Charged or Chargeable with the Payment of Four

Pence per Month for the Children of such Person, being under the Age of Sixteen Years.

Provided also, That this Act shall not Extend to Charge any Poor Housekeepers or Householders, who, by reason of their Poverty only, are Exempted from Contributing to Church or Poor. Poor Housekeepers, who by reason of Poverty are not Charged to Church and Poor, shall not be Charged by this Act.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained, shall Extend, or be Construed to Charge any Buildings or Houses which have been begun to be Built, but never Covered or made Habitable. Unfinished Houses not Charged.

And Whereas by an Act Made and Passed in this present Session of Parliament, Intituled, An Act for the further Remedying the ill State of the Coin of the Kingdom, It is Enacted, That from and after the First Day of December, One thousand six hundred ninety six, no Hammered Silver Coin of this Kingdom should be Current in any Payment whatsoever (except only such as are therein before mentioned) otherwise than by Weight only, after the Rate of Five Shillings and Two Pence for every Ounce of Sterling Silver: Now to the end that such Hammered Silver Coin may be made Current in Payments, at the said Rate of Five Shillings and Two Pence by the Ounce, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the first Day of February, One thousand six hundred ninety six, the Tender of all such Hammered Silver Money (except such Payments where the Hammer'd Money to be Current at 5 s. 2 d. an Ounce, after the 1st. Febr. 1696. in all payments (except where it is directed to be Receiv'd at a greater Value.)

ſame are by the ſaid Recited Act Directed to be Received at a greater Value) in any Payment or Payments whatſoever to be made by any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate to any other Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, at the Rate of Five Shillings and Two Pence for every Ounce Troy, ſhall be, and be deemed to be a good and ſufficient Tender in Law, and the Refuſal thereof in any ſuch Payment or Payments ſhall be, and be adjudged to be a Refuſal of ſo much of the Lawful Coins of this Kingdom, as Fully and Effectually, as if any ſuch Tender and Refuſal ſhould be had and made of the Lawful and Current Coins of this Realm, any thing in this or the before mentioned Act of Parliament contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

FINIS.

Anno Regni GULIELMI III. REGIS

Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ,

Octavo & Nono.

At the Parliament begun at *Weſtminſter* the Two and twentieth Day of *November*, *Anno Dom.* 1695. In the Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *WILLIAM* the Third, by the Grace of God, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

And from thence Continued by ſeveral Prorogations and Adjournments to the Twentieth Day of *October*, 1696. being the Second Seſſion of this preſent Parliament.

LONDON,

Printed by *Charles Bill*, and the Executrix of *Thomas Newcomb* deceas'd, Printers to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty. M DC XCVI.

Anno octavo & nono

Gulielmi III. Regis.

An ACT for Granting to His Majesty several Duties upon Paper, Vellum and Parchment, to Encourage the bringing of Plate and Hammered Money into the Mints to be Coined.

Whereas in and by one Act Made and Passed in this present Session of Parliament, Entituled, An Act for the further Remedying the Ill State of the Coin of the Kingdom, It is amongst other things Enacted, That all such Hammered Silver Money, Clipped or Unclipped, as should be brought by any Person at any time after the Fourth Day of November, One thousand six hundred ninety six, and before the First Day of July, One

thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſeven, unto any of his Majeſties Mints, ſhall be there received by the Officers of his Majeſties Mints, at the Rate of Five Shillings and Four Pence for every Ounce Troy of all ſuch Hammered Silver; And His Majeſties Officers who are or may be concerned are thereby required (amongſt other things) to receive all ſuch Hammered Silver Coin as ſhould be tendred to them for or upon any Loans, at any time between the Fourteenth day of November, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſix, and the Firſt Day of February then next Enſuing, at the Rate of Five Shillings and Eight Pence for every Ounce, as is therein mentioned: Now to the end a Supply may be Granted to Your Majeſty, as well for and towards the Paying of the ſaid Rate or Allowance of Five Shillings and Four Pence an Ounce for Hammered Moneys, as for making good the Deficiencies of the ſaid Loans made or to be made in Hammered Moneys, occaſioned by the Recoining thereof, as alſo for and towards the Paying ſuch Rate or Allowance, as is or ſhall be Settled in Parliament, for the Encouragement of thoſe that ſhall bring in Wrought Plate to be Coined, and for bearing the Waſt, and Charges of Coining the ſaid Hammered Money and Plate; We Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Commons in Parliament Aſſembled, do humbly Preſent to Your Majeſty the Impoſitions, Rates and Duties herein after mentioned, and do beſeech Your Ma-

jesty that it may be Enacted; And be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and of the Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by Authority of the same, That for and during the Term of Two Years, Commencing from the First Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety six, there shall be Raised, Levied, Collected and Paid unto and for the Use of his Majesty, for and upon all Paper, Pasteboard, Parchment and Vellum, which at any time or times, within or during the said Term of Two Years, shall be Made or Manufactured within this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, or Imported or brought into the same, the several and respective Impositions, Rates and Duties herein after mentioned; That is to say, For all Paper, White or Brown, or of any other Colour or Kind whatsoever, and for all Vellum and Parchment of what Nature or Kind soever, which at any time or times within or during the said Term of Two Years, shall be Made or Manufactured within the Kingdom, Dominion or Town aforesaid, there shall be Paid and Answered to his Majesty a Duty to be Computed after the Rate of Twenty Pounds for every One hundred Pounds of the true and real Value of the same, to be Paid by the respective Maker or Makers thereof: And for all Paper, White or Brown, or of any other Colour or Kind whatsoever, and for

all Pastboard, Vellum, and Parchment of what Nature or Kind soever, and whether the same be contained in Rolls, Reams, Quires, Books Printed or not Printed, or otherwise howsoever, which at any time or times, within or during the said Term of Two Years, shall be Imported or brought into the said Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, there shall be paid by the respective Importer or Importers thereof, a Duty to be Computed after the Rate of Five and twenty Pounds for every Hundred Pounds of the true and real Value of the same, over and above all such Customs and Duties as are already payable for or upon the Importation thereof.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Duties hereby set on all the said Foreign and Imported Commodities before mentioned, shall be from time to time Satisfied and Paid by the Importer or Importers of the same in Ready Money, upon his or their Entry or Entries made, and before the Landing thereof, or else the said Importer shall give Security for Payment of the said Duty within Three Months time after the said Entry thereof, as aforesaid; And in Case of Payment in Ready Money, that there be allowed a Discount, after the Rate of Ten Pounds per Centum per Annum for the said Three Months: And that in Case any such Foreign and Imported Commodities of the kinds before mentioned, shall be Landed or put on Shore out of any Ship or Vessel

from beyond the Seas, before due Entry be made thereof in the Custom-house in the Port or Place where the same shall be Imported, and the Duties hereby Imposed shall be fully Satisfied and Paid, or without any Warrant for the Landing and Delivering of such Imported Commodities of the kinds aforesaid, first Signed by the Commissioners, Collectors, or other proper Officer or Officers of His Majesties Customs respectively, that all such Imported Commodities of the kinds aforesaid, as shall be so Landed or put on Shore, or Taken out of any Ship or Vessel contrary to the true Intent and Meaning hereof, or the Value of the same, shall be Forfeited and Lost, and shall and may be Recovered of the Importer or Proprietor thereof, (to Wit) one Moiety of the same to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, the other Moiety to the Use of him or them that will Seize the said Commodities, or Sue for the same, or the Value thereof, by Action of Debt, or of the Case, Bill, Suit or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance shall be granted or allowed.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That the said Duties on such of the said Commodities as shall be Imported, as aforesaid, shall be from time to time under the Management and Government of the Commissioners of His Majesties Customs for the time being, Who shall cause the same from time to time to be raised, levied, collected and paid by His Majesties Officers of the Customs,

ſtoms, to the Hands of the Receiver or Receivers General of the Revenue of the Cuſtoms for the time being, and ſuch Receiver and Receivers General for the time being, ſhall Anſwer and Pay the Moneys ariſing thereby (the neceſſary Charges of Raiſing, Collecting and Anſwering the ſame only excepted) into His Majeſties Exchequer, diſtinct and apart from all other Branches within his or their Receipt, for the purpoſes in this Act mentioned; And that the reſpective Cuſtomer or Collector, or other Perſon or Perſons, Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms for the time being, ſhall Receive and Levy the Duties of Five and Twenty Pounds for every One hundred Pounds hereby Impoſed, according to the true Value and Price of ſuch Goods, to be eſteémed upon the Oath of the Merchant or Importer; And ſuch Oath ſhall be Adminiſtred, and all other Matters done for Aſcertaining, Recovering and Levying the ſaid Duties hereby Granted upon the Values of the ſaid Imported Commodities, in the ſame manner and form as are now Lawfully Uſed and Practiſed in Caſes where Goods pay the Subſidy of Poundage, or other Duties ad Valorem upon the Importation thereof.

And for the better Aſcertaining the Duties by this Act Charged and Impoſed upon ſuch of the ſaid Commodities of Paper, Vellum and Parchment, as ſhall be Made or Manufactured in England, Wales, or Town of Berwick, as aforeſaid, and for the better Raiſing, Levying and Collecting

of the ſame, according to the True Meaning of this Act, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be Lawful, to and for His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, or to and for the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treaſurer of England, or any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the time being, in Writing to Commiſſionate and Appoint ſuch Commiſſioners or Perſons as they ſhall think fit from time to time to be the Commiſſioners or Surveyors for the ſaid Duties, who ſhall hereby have Power to Subſtitute Deputies or Inferior Officers under them for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and ſhall cauſe all the Moneys Ariſing by the ſaid Duties (except the Neceſſary Charge in Managing or Collecting of the ſame) to be brought and paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer, from time to time to the Uſes in this Act mentioned; And the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treaſurer of England, or any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the time being, are hereby Impowred from time to time to Set down, Settle and Preſcribe ſuch Orders, Rules and Inſtructions for the better Guidance of the ſaid Officers, or any of them, in and for the Aſcertaining, Charging and Collecting of the Duties hereby Impoſed, or intended to be Impoſed upon the ſaid Commodities, Manufactured in England, Wales,

or Town of Berwick aforesaid, as shall be most Conducing or Agreeable to the Ends and Intent of this Act.

And it is hereby Declared and Enacted, That the Values of all the said Commodities made in England, Wales, or the said Town of Berwick, or Imported into the same, shall in all Cases be taken to be so much as such Commodity shall be worth to be Sold as soon as they are perfectly Made or Imported; And in Case any Dispute or Controversie shall at any time or times arise, touching the Valuation of any such Commodities, between the Maker or Makers thereof, and His Majesties Officer or Officers (which said Officer and Officers are to be under such Orders and Instructions as are before mentioned) in all and every such Case and Cases, the Value of such Goods made in England, Wales, or Town of Berwick aforesaid, shall be Estæmed by the Affidavit of such Maker or Makers, to be made in Writing before any of His Majesties Justices of the Peace, who are hereby Impowred and Required to take the same, and to be Delivered to the said Officer or Officers, who shall thereupon have Power by this Act, if he thinks His Majesty to be Apparently Defrauded by the Values Sworn to by the Maker, to take such Goods at the Value Specified in such Affidavit, Paying down Ready Money to the Maker for the same, which Ready Money so Paid down shall be Allowed upon the Accompts to be made to His Majesty for the Duties aforesaid, and the Goods

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in such Cases shall be Sold and Disposed of for His Majesties best Advantage and Profit.

And it is hereby further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Maker or Makers of the said Manufactures of Paper, Parchment and other the said Commodities, or any of them, shall, before the Five and twentieth Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, give Notice in Writing to some one or more of the Commissioners or Officers to be Appointed to Manage or Collect the said Duties, or cause such Notice to be left where such Commissioners or Officers shall usually Reside or Execute his or their Trust, of the Place or Places where every such Person or Persons do usually make the Manufactures aforesaid, with their Names and Places of Abode respectively; And that all and every such Maker or Makers, as often as he, she or they shall Change their Places of Working or Making of Vellum, Parchment or Paper, and all and every Person and Persons who shall at any time or times hereafter be the Maker or Makers of any such Commodities, as aforesaid, or any of them, shall Give or Leave the like Notice of their respective Names and Places of Abode, and the Places where they shall Make or intend to Make any such Parchment, Paper, or other the Commodities aforesaid, before they or any of them do presume to Make the same in any such New Place or Places, to the End the said Commissioners or other Officers may from time to time have

due Knowledge of all the Places where the ſaid Goods ſhall be Made, and be the better Enabled to ſecure the Duties hereby Granted thereupon; And if any ſuch Maker or Makers ſhall Neglect to Give or Leave ſuch Notice as is Required by this Act, he, ſhe or they ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds, the one Moiety to his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety to him or them that ſhall Sue for the ſame, as aforeſaid.

And the better to prevent any Frauds or Concealments, whereby his Majeſty, his Heirs or Succeſſors may be Injured or Deprived of His or Their Dues according to the True Meaning of this Act; Be it further Enacted, That the ſeveral Makers of Paper, which ſhall be made during the Term aforeſaid, ſhall uſe no Place for Drying the ſame, or making it fit for Uſe, other than ſuch Common Place or Places, whereof he, ſhe or they ſhall firſt have given Notice to the Proper Officer of the ſaid Duties, to be the Place or Places for his, her or their Drying or Finiſhing the ſame; And that the ſeveral Makers of Parchment or Vellum, which ſhall be made during the Term aforeſaid, ſhall Uſe no Pits or Places, for the Preparing, Making, Drying or Finiſhing the ſame, other than ſuch Pits or Places whereof he, ſhe or they ſhall firſt have given the like Notice to the Proper Officer of the ſaid Duties, to be the Pits or Places, for his, her or their Preparing, Making, Drying or Finiſhing the

ſame; And that the reſpective Makers of the ſaid Paper, Parchment or Vellum, ſhall from time to time Permit and Suffer the reſpective Officers of the ſaid Duties, who ſhall be thereunto Appointed, to take Notice of the Stock or Quantities of their Skins, Rags, Stuffs, or other Materials for making of the ſaid Vellum, Parchment or Paper, and of ſuch Vellum, Parchment or Paper as they ſhall ſo make, and of their Proceedings in Making or Converting the ſame into Paper, Parchment or Vellum, and ſhall from time to time, within Five Days after ſuch Parchment, Paper or Vellum ſhall be Dryed, ſo as to be fit for Uſe, and before the Removal thereof, make True Entry With His Majeſties Officer or Officers as ſhall be Appointed to Attend ſuch Mills or Works reſpectively, or give them True Accounts in Writing, of the ſeveral Quantities and Kinds of Parchment, Paper or Vellum, as ſhall be ſo by them reſpectively Made, and at the time of making ſuch Entries, or within Six Months after, ſhall Pay His Majeſties Duties by this Act Payable for the ſame, and ſhall likewiſe have a Permiſſion, Signed by ſome one of the ſaid Officers to carry away every or any Parcel of ſuch Commodities, before ſuch time as the ſame ſhall be Removed or Carryed away from the Work-houſe, or other Place where ſuch Goods ſhall be firſt put after their being Dryed and fit for Uſe, under the ſeveral Penalties and Forfeitures herein after mentioned; Which Permits the

ſaid Officers, are hereby Required to give gratis unto the ſaid Makers of ſuch Paper, Parchment or Vellum, upon Paying the ſaid Duty hereby Granted, or Securing the ſame to be Paid within the ſaid Six Months; And if any ſuch Maker or Makers, at the time of ſuch Entry, ſhall Pay down the Duty hereby Impoſed, he, ſhe or they ſhall be Allowed for ſuch Prompt Payment, after the Rate of Ten Pounds per Cent. per Annum, upon every Sum ſo to be Paid for the ſaid time of Six Months.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Officer and Officers ſo to be Appointed, at all ſeaſonable times in the day-time, to ſearch and ſee what Quantities of the ſaid Commodities are Making, Drying or Finiſhing, and to Enter into any Mill, Yard, Drying-houſe, Warehouſe or other Houſe or Place where the ſame ſhall be Making, or be Lodged; And if any Owner or Occupier of any ſuch Mill, Yard, Houſe, Warehouſe or Places aforeſaid, ſhall at any time or times refuſe Entrance to the Officers, as aforeſaid, they ſhall for every ſuch Refuſal forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds, the one Moiety thereof to the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety thereof to the Uſe of him or them who ſhall Sue for the ſame, to be Recovered, as aforeſaid; And if any Maker or Makers, Owner or Owners of any of the ſaid Commodities of Paper, Parchment or Vellum, ſhall endeavour to

defraud his Majesty of any Duty by this Act Payable, by using any Private Mill, Pit, Drying-Room or other Place for the Making or Finishing the same, contrary to this Act, or by not making due Entries, and giving an Account thereof, as aforesaid, or by removing or carrying away any such Commodities before the Duty be paid or secured, and a Permission be given for carrying away such Goods, as aforesaid, or shall fraudulently hide or conceal any of the said Commodities, to the intent to deceive his Majesty of his Just Dues for the same, That then, and in every such Case, he, she or they so Offending, shall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds (to wit) one Moiety thereof to the King, and the other Moiety thereof to him or them that shall Sue for the same, to be Recovered, as aforesaid; And moreover, in all such Cases the said Commodities which shall be found in any such Private Mill, Pit, Warehouse, Drying-Room, or other Place, or for which no such Entry shall be made, or that shall be unlawfully removed or carried away without a Permission given, or be fraudulently hid or concealed, shall be forfeited, and shall and may be Seized by any of the Officer or Officers aforesaid to his Majesties Use.

And Whereas several Merchants, Stationers, Wholesale Sellers, Retailers, Paper-Makers, and other Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, have or may have, on the First Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety six, several Stocks or Quantities of Paper, Past-boards,

boards, Vellum and Parchment, to be sold, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every such Merchants, Stationers, Wholesale Sellers, Retailers, Paper-Makers and other Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, on the said First Day of March, having in his, her or their Custody or Possession, or in the Custody or Possession of any other Person or Persons, for his, her or their Use, Benefit or Account, any Stock or Quantity of Paper, Parchment, Vellum or Pasteboard, within the Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, being for Sale, shall Yield and Pay unto his Majesty for the same, a Duty after the Rate of Seventeen Pounds Ten Shillings, to be computed upon every One hundred Pounds of the true and real Value of all such Paper, Pasteboard, Vellum and Parchment, as the same shall be Worth to be sold by them respectively on the said First Day of March, which said Duty of Seventeen Pounds Ten Shillings per Cent. upon the Value, as aforesaid, shall be Answered and Paid to his Majesty, by the respective Merchants, Stationers, Wholesale Sellers, Retailers, Paper-Makers, and other the Persons or Bodies Politick or Corporate aforesaid, within Ten Days after the said First Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety six.

And to the end the said Stocks of Paper, Parchment, Vellum and Pasteboards, and the true Value thereof may be known and discovered, and the said Duty of Seventeen

Pounds Ten Shillings per Cent. thereupon may be Aſcertained and Anſwered, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every the ſaid Merchants, Stationers, Wholeſale Sellers, Retailers, Paper-Makers and others before mentioned, ſhall deliver, or cauſe to be delivered to the proper Officer to be appointed, as aforeſaid, a Particular in Writing, Signed by themſelves or by their Appointment, of the whole Quantities, Kinds and Values of the ſeveral Stocks of Paper, Parchment, Paſtboard or Vellum, for which ſuch Perſon or Perſons reſpectively ought to be Charged, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; And the ſaid Officers to be appointed for that purpoſe, where any ſuch Stock of Goods ſhall be or remain, ſhall have Power and Authority, and are hereby Authorized and Impowred, to Enter into any Shops, Warehouſes or other Places whatſoever, where any ſuch Goods ſhall be or remain, there to take an Account thereof, and to View the ſame, and if ſuch Valuations be given in, as aforeſaid, then to Compare the ſaid Goods therewith; And all and every the ſaid Perſon or Perſons Chargeable, as aforeſaid, for their Stock of Paper, Parchment, Vellum and Paſtboard, ſhall be obliged by Force and Virtue of this Act (if thereunto required) to permit and ſuffer the ſaid proper Officers of the Diſtrict or Place, to make ſuch Entrance and View, as aforeſaid; And if any ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall refuſe to permit or ſuffer ſuch Officer

to Enter in their Shops, Warehouſes or other Places (if thereunto required, as aforeſaid, there to view the ſaid Stock, as aforeſaid, or any part thereof) then every ſuch Perſon for ſuch refuſal, ſhall Forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds, One Moiety thereof to his Majeſty, and the other Moiety to him or them that will Sue for the ſame in the manner before mentioned; And in Caſe the Officer or Officers ſo to be Imployed, ſhall be ſatisfied both as to the Quantities and Values of ſuch Stock of Paper, Parchment, Vellum and Paſtboard, for which any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate ought to pay by this Act, then the ſame Officer or Officers as ſhall be appointed in that behalf, ſhall proceed to Collect and Receive the ſaid Duties, after the Rate of Seventeen Pounds Ten Shillings per Cent. upon the Value of ſuch Goods, for which ſuch Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate ſhall be Chargeable, as aforeſaid, and upon Receipt of any ſuch Duties, ſhall give Acquittances for the ſame gratis; And in Caſe ſuch Duties be not paid by the Eleventh Day of March, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſix, or if by that time the ſame be not ſecured to be paid Within Three Months then next enſuing (which Security the ſaid Officers are hereby Impowred to take by Bonds in his Majeſties Name, and to his Majeſties Uſe) then ſuch Officer or Officers ſhall, and may by Virtue of this Act, Levy ſuch Duties that ſhall not be ſo paid or ſecured, by Diſtreſs of the

Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate liable thereunto, and for Nonpayment, may Sell such Distress within Five Days, rendring the Overplus, if any be, to the Owner, after Satisfaction of the Duty and Charges of the said Distress.

Provided always, That if any such Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, Chargeable for such Stock, shall pay or cause to be paid his or their Duties the said Eleventh Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety six, he, she or they shall be Allowed for such prompt Payment, after the Rate of Ten Pounds per Centum per Annum for every Sum so to be Paid for the same time of Three Months; But in case any Dispute or Controversie shall arise touching the Valuation of any such Stock of Paper, Parchment, Vellum or Pastboard, in all such Cases the same shall be esteemed by the Oath of the Owner or Owners, to be made and taken in Writing before any of His Majesties Justices of Peace, as aforesaid, and to be delivered to the said Officer or Officers who shall hereby have Power (if he thinks the King to be apparently Defrauded thereby) to take such Goods at the Value specified in such Affidavit, paying down Ready Money to the Owner for the same, which Ready Money so Paid down shall be allowed upon the Accounts to be made to His Majesty for the Duties aforesaid; And the Goods in such Cases shall be sold and disposed of for

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his Majesties best Advantage and Profit.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any of the said Merchants, Stationers, Wholesale Sellers, Retaylers, Paper-Makers or other Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, having on the said First Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety six, in his or their Custody or Possession, or in the Custody or Possession of any other Person or Persons for his, her or their Use, Benefit or Account any Stock or Quantity of Paper, Parchment, Vellum or Pastboard, shall neglect to give a Particular and Valuation of the same to the proper Officer or Officers on or before the Fifth Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety six, or shall wittingly or willingly omit or leave out of the same any part of his said Stock, to the intent to defraud his Majesty, or shall remove or carry away or conceal any part of his said Stock before his Majesties Duties thereupon shall be paid or secured, as aforesaid, that then and in every such Case, he, she or they so Offending for every such Offence, shall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to Wit, one Moiety thereof to the King, and the other Moiety thereof to him or them that will Sue for the same, as aforesaid; And in all and every such Case and Cases the Paper, Parchment, Vellum or Pastboard, for which no such Particular or Valuation shall have been given, or which shall be fraudulently omitted out of the same, or which shall be so concealed

or carried away before his Majesties Duties shall be paid or secured, shall be forfeited, and shall and may be Seized by any of the Officer or Officers aforesaid to his Majesties Use.

And it is hereby Enacted, That in all Cases where any Paper, Parchment, Vellum or Pastboard shall be Seized for any Offence against this Act, and an Information thereof shall be Layed by the Officer, or a Complaint made by the Owner, within Eight Days after the Seizure, before any Two or more of his Majesties Justices of the Peace of the same County, Riding or Place where such Seizure shall be made, the Cause of every such Seizure, shall and may be Heard and Determined by such Justices of the Peace, who have hereby Power to Summon and Examine Witnesses upon Oath concerning the same; And if either Party shall think himself or her self Agrieved, or remain Unsatisfied in the Judgment of the said Justices, Then he, she or they shall and may, by Virtue of this Act, Complain or Appeal to his Majesties Justices of the Peace in the nert General Quarter Sessions for that County, Riding or Place, who are hereby Impowred to Summon and Examine Witnesses upon Oath for that Purpose, and Finally to Hear and Determine the same.

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted, That no Fee or Reward shall be had or taken, by any of the said Officers, from any of the said Makers or others, for the En-

tries, Accompts or Permissions aforesaid, or any of them.

Provided also, That if any person or persons shall Export beyond the Seas for Sale any of the said Commodities by this Act Charged, as aforesaid, that then upon Oath made, that the Duties first Due or Payable to His Majesty for the same by this Act were duly Paid or Secured, Expressing the Sum Paid or Secured, and by whom, and upon Security to be first given, that the Goods shall not be Relanded in England, Wales, or Town of Berwick aforesaid (which Oath shall and may be Administred, and the Security taken by the Customer or Comptroller of the Port where such Exportation shall be had) the Duties which by this Act shall have been Paid or Secured for such of the said Commodities so Exported shall be Repaid, or so much shall be Discharged upon the Security before given for the same; Any thing in this Act before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And to the intent that Moneys may the more speedily be Raised for the Ends and Purposes in this Act mentioned, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, Natives or Foreigners, to Advance and Lend to His Majesty, upon the Security of this Act, any Sum or Sums of Money, not Exceeding the Sum of One hundred twenty five thousand Pounds,

and to have and receive Intereſt for the Forbearance thereof, not Exceeding Eight pounds per Centum per Annum, and that no Money ſo to be Lent ſhall be Rated or Aſſeſſed to any Tax or Aſſeſſment whatſoever; And that the Auditor of the Receipt of Exchequer ſhall keep one Book in which all Moneys coming into the ſaid Receipt for the ſaid Duties upon Paper, Parchment or other Duties by this Act Granted, ſhall be diſtinctly Entred and Regiſtred, and the Lenders ſhall, according to the Courſe of the Exchequer, have Tallies of Loan, and Orders of Repayment bearing ſuch Intereſt, as aforeſaid; Which Intereſt ſhall be paid every Three Months, until Satisfaction of the Principal; And the ſaid Orders ſhall be Regiſtred in Courſe, according to the Dates of the Tallies, without any Undue Preferrence; And all and every Perſon and Perſons ſhall be paid the Principal in Courſe, according to the Dates of their Tallies; And all the Money coming in by this Act, ſhall in the ſame Order be lyable to the Satisfaction of the Parties, their Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns, without any undue Preferrence, and ſhall not be diverted to any other Uſe, Intent or Purpoſe whatſoever; And that no Fee, Reward or Gratuity, Directly or Indirectly, ſhall be Demanded or Taken for any Matter or Thing relating to the ſaid Loans; And if any Officer ſhall Offend by Diverting or Miſapplying the Moneys, or giving any undue Preferrence in

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point of Registry or Payment, or by taking any Fee, Reward or Gratuity, he shall forfeit his Place; And any Deputy or Clerk Offending therein, without Direction or Privity of his Master, shall forfeit double the Value of the Money so Diverted or Misapplied, Demanded or Taken, to the Party Grieved.

Provided always, That if several Tallies of Loan, or Orders for Payment, bear Date, or be brought the same Day to the Auditor of the Receipt to be Registred, then it shall be Interpreted no undue Preferrence which of those be Entred first, so he Enters them all the same Day.

Provided also, That it shall not be Interpreted any undue Preferrence to incur any Penalty in point of Payment, if the Auditor Direct, and the Clerk of the Pells Record, and the Tellers do Pay Subsequent Orders of Persons that come and demand their Moneys, and bring their Order in their Course, so as there may be so much Money Reserved as will Satisfie precedent Orders, which shall not be otherwise disposed but kept for them; Interest upon Loan being to cease from the time the Money is so reserved and kept in Bank for them.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person or Persons to whom any Money shall be due by Virtue of this Act, after Order Entred in the Book of Register, as aforesaid, for Payment thereof, his Executors, Administrators

strators or Assigns, by Indorsement of his Order, may Assign and Transfer his Right, Title, Interest and Benefit of such Order, or any part thereof, to any other; which being Notified in the Office of the Auditor of Receipt aforesaid, and an Entry or Memorial thereof also made in the Book of Register aforesaid for Orders, which the Officers shall, upon request, without Fee or Charge accordingly make, shall Intitle such Assignee, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, to the benefit thereof, and Payment thereon; And such Assignee may in like manner Assign again, and so toties quoties, and afterwards it shall not be in the power of such Person or Persons, who have, or hath made such Assignments, to make Void, Release, and Discharge the same, or any the Monies thereby due, or any part thereof.

And to the end all the Hammered Silver Money, Clipped or Unclipped, as pursuant to the said Act of Parliament for further Remedying the Ill State of the Coin of the Kingdom, may or might be brought by any Person at any time after the Fourth Day of November, One thousand six hundred ninety six, and before the First Day of July, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, unto any of His Majesties Mints, to be there Received at the Rate of Five Shillings and Four Pence per Ounce, may be regularly Received and Entred, and be Recoined; and that the Party or Parties bringing the same may duly Receive and be Satisfied after the Rate of Five Shil-

lings and Four Pence in Lawful English Moneys, for every Ounce so brought in, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Master and Worker of His Majesties Mints now being, or that hereafter shall be, or his sufficient Deputy or Deputies in this behalf Appointed, or to be Appointed (for whom he will be answerable) shall duly Receive the said Hammered Silver Monies so brought, at the said Rate of Five Shillings and Four Pence an Ounce, taking Care in Receiving the same, to Separate and Cut in Pieces all Base or Counterfeit Moneys, and to return such Pieces to the Bringers thereof, and shall Weigh such Silver Hammered Moneys, and exactly Compute the same, at the Rate last mentioned; And the proper Officers or Clerks in the said several Mints, to whom it appertains, shall cause Entries thereof to be made in their Day-Books, according to the Ordinary Course which of late Years hath been used in his Majesties Mint in the Tower of London, for Entring Silver in Course, taking Care in such Entries, to Specifie the Names of the Person or Persons bringing such Hammered Money, the Day or Time of bringing the same, the Weight or Quantity brought, and the Amount thereof, at the Rate aforesaid; And the said Master and Worker, his Deputy or Deputies, shall give to the Party or Parties bringing such Silver, a Receipt in Writing, Specifying all the Particulars last mentioned; And that the proper Officers of the respective Mints

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ſhall New Coin ſuch Hammered Monies into the Lawful Coins of this Realm; And the ſaid Maſter and Worker, his Deputy or Deputies, by or with the New Monies proceeding therefrom, with the help of ſuch Monies as ſhall be Raiſed and Imprefted to him by Virtue of this Act, ſhall not only Defray the neceſſary Charges of Receiving, Melting Down, Refining, and Recoining the ſaid Hammered Monies ſo brought, at Five Shillings and Four Pence an Ounce, and the Waſt incident thereunto, but ſhall alſo pay back to all and every Perſon and Perſons, bringing in ſuch Hammered Money, ſo much in New or Milled Money, as the ſaid Rate or Allowance of Five Shillings and Four Pence an Ounce, for his, her or their Hammered Money ſhall amount to, in ſuch due Courſe and Order as are herein after mentioned.

And Whereas by the aforeſaid Act it is, amongſt other things, Enacted, That all Money that ſhould be brought in upon the Account of Tares or Revenues, at Five Shillings and Eight Pence per Ounce according to that Act, ſhall be by the reſpective Receivers General, or Collector, carried to the next adjacent Mint in order to be Recoined; And that the ſaid Tares and Revenues ſhall not be brought into his Majeſties Exchequer till Recoined: Now to the end that all the Hammered Silver Monies which are or ſhall be Received for Tares or Revenues, Within the reſpective times by the ſaid Act limitted, at the ſaid Rate of Five Shillings and Eight Pence an Ounce,

and are or shall be Carried by the said Receivers General or Collectors to the next adjacent Mint, may be regularly Received, Recoined, Delivered back, Applied, Answered and Accounted for, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Master and Worker of his Majesties Mints, his Deputy or Deputies, shall duly Receive the said Hammered Silver Moneys of the said Tares or Revenues, taking care in Receiving the same, to Separate and cut in pieces all Base or Counterfeit Moneys, and to Return such Pieces to the Bringers thereof, and shall Weigh such Silver Hammered Moneys, and Exactly compute the same at the said Rate of Five Shillings and Eight Pence an Ounce; And that the proper Officers or Clerks in the said several Mints to whom it appertains shall cause Entries thereof to be made in their Day Books, according to the ordinary Course of the Mint, specifying the Names of the respective Receivers General or Collectors bringing such Hammered Money, the Day or Time of bringing the same, the Weight and Quantity brought, and the Amount thereof at the said Rate of Five Shillings and Eight Pence per Ounce, and the Revenue or Tax to which it belongs; And the said Master and Worker, his Deputy or Deputies shall give to such Receiver or Collector bringing such Silver, a Receipt in Writing, specifying all the Particulars last mentioned, and shall Cause the said Silver to be Melted, Essayed and Reduced to Standard, and the Standard Weight

thereof to be fairly Entred in the Books of the Mint; And that the proper Officers of the respective Mints shall New Coin such Hammered Moneys into the Lawful Coins of this Realm; And the said Master and Worker, his Deputy or Deputies, shall Pay back all the New Moneys Proceeding from the Silver of the said Revenues or Tares, except the necessary Charge of Receiving, Melting down, Refining and Coining the same, and the Waste thereunto incident, unto the respective Receivers or Collectors, who brought such Revenues or Tares to the Mint; And the said Receivers or Collectors are hereby strictly Enjoyned and Required, upon the Receipt of such New Money, to Answer or Pay the same into the Receipt of his Majesties Exchequer, upon the several Heads of Revenues or Tares whereunto it doth belong, or otherwise, as the Law Directs, and carefully to Observe all Appropriations which have been made by any Act or Acts of Parliament concerning the same, or any Part thereof; And that all and every such Receivers General and Collectors in their respective Accompts to his Majesty, shall be Allowed the Deficiency occasioned by the Recoining the said Hammered Money of the said Revenues or Tares; That is to say, the difference between the Sum of the Hammered Money brought into the Mint, Computed at Five Shillings and Eight Pence an Ounce, and the Sum in Tail of the New Money which he or they do Receive back from the Mint for the same.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That the said Master and Worker of the Mints, his Deputy or Deputies, in Paying back the said Hammered Moneys, as well those which shall be brought at Five Shillings and Four Pence an Ounce, as those which shall be brought for Tares or Revenues, as aforesaid, shall Carefully observe the due Course Established, or of late Years Practised within his Majesties Mint in the Tower of London, and shall not give any undue Preferrence in Point of Entry or Payment, but that all and every Person and Persons, first bringing their Hammered Money, shall have the same first Entred, and be first Satisfied in the Course of Repayment; And in case any Officer of the Mint, Receiver or Collector, shall Offend against this Act, in any Matter or Thing, concerning the Receiving, Entring or Coining the said Hammered Moneys, or Paying back New Money for the same, or in the Answering or Applying the said New Money in the Exchequer, or otherwise, as the Law Directs, or by Diverting or Misapplying any of the said Moneys, then every such Officer, Receiver or Collector, shall Forfeit his Office, and be for ever incapable to Serve his Majesty; And moreover every such Officer of the Mint, Receiver or Collector, his or their Deputies or Clerks Offending in any the Matters aforesaid, shall for every such Offence Forfeit Treble Damages to the Party Grieved, to be Recovered by Action of Debt, or of the Case, besides Costs of Suit.

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Master and Worker of his Majesties Mints, by himself, his Deputies or Servants for whom he will be answerable to make Use of the Melting-House newly Erected near the Receipt of the Exchequer at Westminster, and the Utensils thereof, for the Receiving, Melting and Casting into Ingots such Hammered Monies as shall be brought to be Recoined at his Majesties Mint in the Tower of London; Any thing in this or the said other Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted, That in all Cases where any particular Collector is not required by Law to pay his Receipt directly into the Exchequer, but to the Hands of some Receiver or Receivers General, who are answerable for the same at the Receipt of the Exchequer, such particular Collector shall pay the Hammered Monies by them Received to their respective Receivers General, to carry the same to the next Adjacent Mint, as by the said other Act is Directed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Monies which shall be Borrowed, as aforesaid, and which shall arise by the Duties hereby Granted, except so much of the said Duties as are hereby Directed to repay the said Loans, and the Interest thereof, and the Necessary Charges of Collection and Management, shall be Disposed and Applied, and the same are hereby Appropriated for or towards the Paying of

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the said Rate or Allowance of Five Shillings and four Pence an Ounce for Hammered Monies brought or to be brought in pursuant to the said Act, and for or towards the making Good of the said Deficiencies of the said Loans made or to be made in Hammered Monies pursuant to the said Act, and for or towards the Paying such Rate or Allowance as is or shall be Settled in Parliament for the Encouragement of those that bring in Wrought Plate to be Coined, and for Bearing the Waste and Charges of Receiving in, Melting and Coining the said Hammered Money and Plate, and other Necessary Expences of the Mints, and shall not be Diverted or Misapplied to any other Use, Intent or Purpose Whatsoever, under the Pain of Double the Sum so Diverted or Misapplied, to be Forfeited by any Officer or Person who shall be Guilty thereof, to any other Person or Persons Who will Sue for the same, to be Recovered by Action of Debt, or of the Case, as is before mentioned.

Provided always, That if more Money shall arise by the several Duties by this Act Granted then shall be sufficient to pay the Sum of One hundred twenty five thousand Pounds (over and above the Necessary Charges of Collection) for the Purposes in this Act mentioned, and the Interest of the same, or of so much thereof as shall be Borrowed by this Act, That then the Overplus shall be brought into the Receipt of Exchequer, and remain there Without being Issued or Disposed of, but by Authority of Parliament.

And whereas the making the Best and Finest sorts of Writing Paper in England, hath kept great Sums of Money in this Kingdom which formerly were sent to France and other Foreign Parts to Buy the same, and forasmuch as there are made in this Kingdom White Linen Rags sufficient to make all sorts of Writing Paper, not only for the Use of the Subjects of this Kingdom, but likewise to Export to Foreign Parts beyond the Seas, did not many persons Beat up and Mingle such White Rags with Ropes, Netts and Sail-cloth, for the making of Brown Paper, and other sorts of Course Paper, which may be made as well without the White Rags, to the great Hindrance and Discouragement of making White Writing Paper in this Kingdom; Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Five and Twentieth Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, no person or persons whatsoever within this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, shall Use, or Cause to be Used, any White Linen Rags, for making of Brown or Course Papers, or for making of any other sort of Paper, but such sorts of Paper only as are generally deemed, estéemed or taken to be, and are commonly called or known by the Name of White Writing or Printing Paper; And if any person or persons whatsoever shall Beat up, or Cause to be Beat up and Used any White Linen Rags, for making any sort or sorts of Paper whatsoever, except White

Writing or Printing Paper, as aforesaid, such person or persons so Offending, shall for every such Offence, Forfeit and Pay the Sum of Five Pounds, One Moiety thereof to go to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof to such person or persons who shall Prosecute and Sue for the same, to be Recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, in any of His Majesties Courts of Record, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Priviledge or Wager of Law shall be allowed, or more than one Imparlance.

FINIS.

Anno Regni GULIELMI III. REGIS *Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ,* Octavo & Nono.

At the Parliament begun at *Weſtminſter* the Two and twentieth Day of *November*, *Anno Dom.* 1695. In the Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *WILLIAM* the Third, by the Grace of God, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

And from thence Continued by ſeveral Prorogations and Adjournments to the Twentieth Day of *October*, 1696. being the Second Seſſion of this preſent Parliament.

L O N D O N,

Printed by *Charles Bill*, and the Executrix of *Thomas Newcomb* deceas'd, Printers to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty. M DC XCVI.

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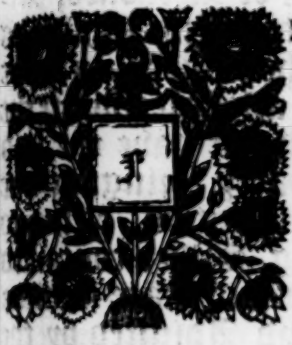
An Act for Incouraging the Bringing in Wrought Plate to be Coined.



For the better Encouragement of such Persons as have or shall have any kind of Wrought Plate, to bring the same to be Coined into the Lawful Coins of this Realm; and to the end the Species of Lawful Moneys may be Increased, for the Advantage of Commerce and other Publick Affairs; Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That any Person or Persons, Natives or Foreigners, Bodies Politick or Corporate, that shall either by themselves, or by their Servants or others that they respectively shall Intrust in that behalf, Bring or Carry any Wrought Plate of any Sort or Kind Whatsoever, at any time or times, between the First Day of January, One thousand six hundred ninety six, and the Fourth Day of November, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, either into His Majesties Mints, or any of them within this Realm of England, or to such Person or Persons, as by His Majesty, under his Royal Sign Manual, shall be Authorized to

Receive the same, shall be then and there Paid for such Plate, at the Rate of Five Shillings and Four Pence for every Ounce, to be Reckoned and Allowed, as is herein after mentioned; And that the Master and Worker of his Majesties Mints, his Deputy or Deputies, or such other Person or Persons as shall be thereunto Authorized, as aforesaid, shall, and by this Act they are severally Required and Enjoyned to Receive all such Wrought Plate as shall be so brought in, and which shall plainly appear to have thereupon, the Mark commonly used at the Hall, belonging to the Company of Goldsmiths in London, besides the Workmans Mark, as Sterling Silver, and the Price thereof shall be Reckoned, Allowed and Paid for at the said Rate of Five Shillings and Four Pence an Ounce, without tarrying till it be Melted and Essayed; And in all Cases where the Wrought Plate so brought shall not have the said Marks thereupon, then the Party bringing the same shall have it in his or her Election, either to have the Quantity of Sterling Silver contained therein (according to which the said Rate is to be Allowed) to be Determined and Adjusted by the Master and Worker of the Mint, his Deputy or Deputies, or by such other Person Authorized to Receive the same, as aforesaid, who shall declare the said Quantity of Sterling Silver upon his Oath, according to the best of his Skill and Judgment, and make the said Allowance accordingly; or if the said Party bringing such Plate shall not declare himself or her self willing that the said Officer of the Mint, or such other Person, to be Authorized, as aforesaid, should Determine upon Oath the said Quantity of Sterling Silver in his or her Plate, or shall forthwith, after such Determination made, declare him or her self to be Injured thereby, that then and in every such Case the said Party bringing such Plate shall have the same forthwith Melted and Essayed, and shall be Allowed after the said Rate of Five Shillings and Four Pence

an Ounce for every Ounce of Sterling Silver which shall be found therein.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Master and Worker of the Mint, his Deputy or Deputies for Receiving of the said Plate, and such other Persons as shall be Authorized by His Majesties Royal Sign Manual, as aforesaid, before such times as he or they respectively shall intermeddle in the Receiving or Taking in any Plate, by Virtue of this Act, shall severally take their Corporal Oath in the Form or to the Effect following:

I *A. B.* do Solemnly Promise and Declare, That in all Cases where (in pursuance of the Act of Parliament in this behalf) I am to Determine or Declare the Quantity of Sterling Silver contained in any Wrought Plate that shall be brought to me, I will Faithfully and Impartially Declare and Determine the same, and the Allowance which is to be made for such Plate, by Virtue of the said Act, according to the best of my Skill and Judgment, without any Covin or Malice, and without any Favour or Affection; and that in my Accounts, and in all other Matters and Things to be Done and Performed by me, in Relation to the said Act of Parliament, I will Faithfully and Honestly Perform the Trust in me Reposed.

So help me God.

Which Oath shall and may be Administred by any one or more of the Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury, or the High Treasurer for the time being, or by any of His Majesties Justices of the Peace, who shall give the Officer or Person taking such Oath, a Certificate of the same in Writing.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Officer of the Mints, his Deputy or Deputies, and the said Persons so Authorized by His Majesties Royal Sign Manual, to Receive and Take in Plate, as aforesaid, shall, in Books to be by them kept for that purpose, make fair Entries of the

Names of the Bringer or Owner of the said Wrought Plate, and of the true Weight of the same in Sterling Silver, and the Value thereof, to be Computed at the said Rate of Five Shillings and Four Pence for every Ounce; And that the Persons so Authorized by His Majesties Royal Sign Manual, as aforesaid, shall within every Seven Days Carry, or Cause to be Carried, all the Plate so by them respectively Taken in and Received, to the next Mint or Mints, where the same, together with all other the Plate which shall be brought into the said Mints directly in pursuance of this Act, as aforesaid, shall forthwith be Coined into the Lawful Coins of this Kingdom, and the Coining thereof shall not be delayed by Reason of any Course prescribed in the Mint for Coining of other Silver; And the New Moneys proceeding from any Plate brought in, as aforesaid, together with such other Moneys, as shall be Appropriated or Appointed for this Service, shall be Applied from time to time to pay for any Plate that shall be brought in pursuant to this Act.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Master and Worker of His Majesties Mints, or His respective Deputies or Persons Imployed by Him, and also the several Persons to be Authorized by His Majesties Royal Sign Manual, as aforesaid, shall, out of the Money which shall be Imprested or Paid to them respectively for this Service, or out of the New Money which shall proceed from Plate to be brought in by Virtue, and in Pursuance of this Act, as aforesaid, Pay and Satisfie to the respective bringers of the said Plate, the said Allowance of Five Shillings and Four Pence by the Ounce for the same, which Payments at the time of the bringing in of the said Plate, shall be made to the Owners or Bringers of the same, by the Officers appointed to Receive such Plate, as aforesaid, having Money in his or their Hands for that purpose.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in every City, Town or Place where a

Mint is, or shall be Established or Imployed for the Coining of the said Plate, and for the Recoining of Hammered Money, or either of them, and in every City, Town or Place where a Publick Office shall be appointed by His Majesty for the Taking in of Wrought Plate, as aforesaid, the Master or Worker of such Mint or Mints, his Deputy or Deputies, or the Persons so to be Appointed for such Publick Offices respectively, shall once in every Fourteen Days, during the continuance of the said Service, Cause Publication to be made in Writing, to be openly Affixed and Exposed, whereby all Persons Concerned may be Informed of the Quantities of Wrought Plate or Hammered Money so brought in, how much thereof respectively shall from time to time have been made into New Moneys, and how much thereof shall then remain in the Mint, or such Publick Office not Coined, under the Penalty of Forfeiting the Sum of Twenty Pounds to any Person or Persons that shall Sue for the same, and to be Recovered by Action of Debt or of the Case, Bill, Plaint or Information, in any of His Majesties Courts of Record at Westminster, Wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance shall be Granted or Allowed; Any thing in this Act Contained to the contrary in any Wise notwithstanding.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Wrought Plate that shall be brought in pursuant to this Act, whereon there shall be the Marks before Appointed to be on the same, shall be Received by the person or persons Impowred by this Act to Receive such Wrought Plate, as Sterling Silver, Without making any Deduction for Soader, unless for such Soader as shall be in any hollow Part of the said Plate.

And to the end a Sum of Ready Money may the more speedily be provided to Pay for Wrought Plate which shall be brought in pursuant to this Act, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That

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it shall and may be Lawful, to and for the Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the Lord Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, out of any Money that is or shall be Advanced or Lent to His Majesty, upon the Credit of any Aid, Fund or Revenue whatsoever (not being the Money Appropriated to the Repayment of the Principal or Interest of Loans, or to the Satisfaction of any Bills of Credit Established by Act of Parliament) to Issue and Apply any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding the Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds for and towards the Payment of the said Rate, and Allowance of Five Shillings and Four Pence an Ounce for Plate, and the Charges of Taking in and Coining the same; Which Sums so Issued and Applied, shall be Reckoned to be Part of the Sum, not exceeding One hundred twenty five thousand Pounds, for Coining of Hammered Money and Plate, and Charges thereunto incident; Any thing herein, or in any former Act of Parliament contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And Whereas it may reasonably be suspected that part of the Silver Coins of this Realm hath been by Persons regarding their own Private Gain more than the Publick Good, Molten and Converted into Vessels of Silver or other Manufactured Plate, which Crime hath been the more easily Perpetrated by them, in regard the Goldsmiths or others, Workers of Plate, by the former Laws and Statutes of this Realm, are not obliged to make their Plate of Finer Silver than the Sterling or Standard Ordained for the Moneys of this Realm: Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Five and twentieth Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, no Goldsmith, Silversmith or other Person whatsoever, shall Work or Make, or cause to be Wrought or Made, any Silver Vessel, Plate or Manufacture

of Silver less in Fineness than that of Eleven Ounces and Ten Peny Weight of Fine Silver in every Pound Troy, nor put to Sale, Exchange or Sell any Silver Vessels, Plate or Manufacture of Silver made after the said Five and twentieth Day of March (unless it be Silver Wyre, or such things, as in respect of their smallness, are not capable of receiving a Mark) until such time as such Vessel, Plate or Manufactured Silver shall be Marked as followeth (that is to say) with the Workers Mark, to be expressed by the Two First Letters of his Sirname, the Marks of the Mystery or Craft of the Goldsmiths, which instead of the Leopards Head and the Lyon, shall for this Plate be the Figure of a Lyons Head erased, and the Figure of a Woman, commonly called Britannia, and a distinct variable Mark to be used by the Warden of the said Mystery, to denote the Year in which such Plate is made, upon Pain that all such Silver Vessels, Plate or other Manufactured Silver which shall be Made, Exposed to Sale, Sold or Exchanged contrary to this Act, or the Value thereof, shall be Forfeited, the one half thereof to the King, and the other half thereof to such Person or Persons that will Seize or Sue for the same, to be Recovered by Action, Bill, Suit or Information in any Court of Record, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance shall be admitted; And if any Silversmith, Goldsmith or other Person shall after the said Five and twentieth Day of March make any Silver Vessels, Plate or Manufactured Silver contrary to this Act, and the same shall be Touched, Marked or Allowed for Good by the Wardens or Masters of the said Mystery, or those Authorized or Imployed by them for the Essaying and Marking of Plate, and if in the same there shall be found any Falshood or Deceit, then the Wardens and Corporation of that Mystery for the time being, shall Forfeit and Pay the Value of the

Plate so deceitfully Marked, the one half thereof to the King, and the other half to any Person or Persons that shall Buy the same, and be Grieved thereby, to be Recovered, as aforesaid; Any thing in this or any former Act or Acts of Parliament contained, or any other Order or Provision heretofore made to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas several Persons who are possessed of Plate, Who are or shall be Assessed by an Act, Intituled, An Act for Granting an Aid to His Majesty, as well by a Land Tax, as by several Subsidies and other Duties Payable for one Year, for or in respect of their Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Offices, Persons, Stocks, Debts, or other Matters or Things Charged by the said Act, or shall be Charged by other Act or Acts that shall be passed this Sessions of Parliament, and may be willing and desirous to pay or satisfie in Wrought Plate, having the Hall Mark, at the Rate of Five Shillings and Four Pence an Ounce, all or several of the Monthly Payments by the said Act intended to be satisfied by them, and all other Payments that shall become due by any Act or Acts that shall be passed this Sessions of Parliament, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be Lawful to, and for any Person or Persons, at any time before the First Day of June, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, to Satisfie and Pay the respective Collector or Collectors, in such Wrought Plate, at such Rate, as aforesaid, without any deduction for Soader, unless for such Soader as shall be in any hollow part of the said Plate, all or any such Monthly or other Payments Assessed upon him, her or them, for the said whole Year, or for any Months thereof, before hand, which said Collectors are hereby Enjoyned and Required upon every such Payment so made before hand, to give the Party or Parties Paying the same an Acquittance, expressing the Sum Received for such Monthly or other Payments for the respective Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Offices,

persons, Stocks, Debts, or other Matters or Things for which such Payments shall be so made; And every such Acquittance shall be a good Discharge against his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, as if the Sums Chargeable by the said Act on such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Offices, Persons, Stocks, Debts, or other Matters or Things, were Assessed or Answered at such several and respective Monthly or other Payments, as aforesaid; Any thing in the said Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And to the end that such Hammered Silver Coin of this Kingdom as is made Current in Payments at the Rate of Five Shillings and Two Pence by the Ounce Troy, and is and shall be from time to time Brought and Paid into the Receipt of his Majesties Exchequer at that Rate, may be Reoined, and that all such Plate as is Authorized by this Act, to be Received at the Rate of Five Shillings and Four Pence an Ounce, until the said first Day of June, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, for the Aid, Subsidy or other Payments aforesaid, may also be Converted into the Lawful Coins of this Realm, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Hammered Silver Coin or Plate so Received, or to be Received, shall from time to time, by the Direction of the Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury, or any One or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any One or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being (who have hereby full Power and Authority given them in that behalf) be Melted down and Cast into Ingots, and be Delivered into his Majesties Mint or Mints, by Indentures with the Master and Worker of the Mints, to be there Reduced to Sterling, and Coined by the Mill and Press, into the Lawful Coins of this Realm; And that all the New Money Proceeding from such Ingots (Except the Necessary Charge of Making the New Money, and of Melting

ing and Refining the Silver) shall from time to time, by the like Direction, be Applied and Placed to the respective Accounts of the particular Revenues, Taxes, Loans or other Branches to which the said Hammered Moneys or Plate respectively did belong, and shall be Issued, Paid out and Disposed accordingly, so far as it will Extend, at the Receipt of Exchequer, for Payment of Principal, Interest, Annuities or other Uses, or by the respective Receivers General upon Bills of Credit in such and the like Course, Order, Manner and Form as ought to have been observed in Case the Receipt or Collection in Plate or such Hammered Money had been made in the Lawful and Current Moneys of this Realm, and so as that in all Cases where any of the said Hammered Money, or the Money for which such Plate shall be received, were Appropriated by any Act or Acts of Parliament for Satisfaction of Loans or Annuities, or for Payment of Bills of Credit, or for any other Uses, the New Moneys coming instead thereof (so far as the same will extend) shall be Appropriated, Issued and Applied to the same respective Uses, and in the same Course and Order as are Prescribed by such Acts, without being Diverted or Divertible to any other Use, or being Misapplied, under the Penalty of Incurring the same Forfeitures and Disabilities by the Officers of the Exchequer, Receivers General, and other Persons concerned therein, as they would have Incurred for Diverting or Misapplying the Lawful and Current Moneys of such Taxes or Revenues, or other Branches respectively.

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GULIELMI III.
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Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ,
Octavo & Nono.

At the Parliament begun at *Weſtminſter* the Two and twentieth Day of *November*, *Anno Dom.* 1695. In the Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *WILLIAM* the Third, by the Grace of God, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

And from thence Continued by ſeveral Prorogations and Adjournments to the Twentieth Day of *October*, 1696. being the Second Seſſion of this preſent Parliament.

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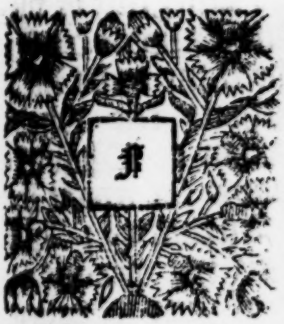
Gulielmi III. Regis.

An Act to Reſtore the Market at *Blackwell-Hall* to the Clothiers, and for Regulating the Factors there.



Inaſmuch as of late Years, by the great Increaſe of the Factors of Blackwell-Hall in the City of London, and by the Advantages given them by the Governours of the ſaid Hall, not only in Aſſigning them the moſt convenient Lights, but permitting them to hire Warehouſes in the ſaid Hall to their own Uſes, into which they Enter upon thoſe Days that are no Market-Days, and carry the Clothiers Cloths thence, and Expoſe them to Sale in a Clandeſtine manner in their own Houſes, whereby great Inconvenience and Diſcouragement hath Accrued to the Clothing Trade, on which the Welfare of this Nation very much Depends: For remedy hereof, Be it Enacted by the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this preſent

Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of May, which shall be in the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, the Governours of Blackwell-Hall, and their Deputies, shall strictly Perform, Observe and Keep the Set Times and Rules herein after Limited and Appointed for the exact Keeping and Government of the Publick Market of Blackwell-Hall, that is to say, The said Market shall begin, and be held on every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from Eight of the Clock in the Forenoon, until Twelve a Clock in the same Forenoon, and from Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, until Five of the Clock in the same Afternoon; and that the said Hours for the beginning and ending of the said Markets, shall be known by the Ringing of the Market Bell in the Hall aforesaid, appointed for that Use and Purpose; And the same to be Held and Continued Weekly throughout the Whole Year, Except Days of Humiliation or Thanksgiving Appointed to be otherways set apart by Act of Parliament, or Publick Authority; And the Keepers of the said Hall shall not permit or suffer any Buying or Selling of any Woollen Cloth at the said Hall, in or upon any other Days or Hours, than upon the Market-Days and Hours appointed, as aforesaid, upon the Penalty of One hundred Pounds.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Governours of Blackwell-Hall, and their Deputies, shall Set forth and Appoint unto the Clothiers of all Counties, that shall bring up Cloth to Sell at the said Publick Market, the most convenient Room in the said Hall for the Sale of their Cloth, and likewise Warehouse Room for the Lodging and Safe-keeping of any Cloth of the said Clothiers unsold, the Clothiers

their Servants Paying unto the Hall-keepers the Ancient Duties of the said Hall, and no more.

And for the further Encouragement of the said Publick Market, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Factor, or any Person or Persons whatsoever, other than the Owner of the Cloth, shall Sell, Cause to be Sold, or Expose to Sale out of the said Market of Blackwell-Hall, any Cloth, Consigned or Directed by the Owner thereof to be brought to the said Market of Blackwell-Hall, or to any Factor there, to be Sold, upon the Penalty of Five Pounds for every such Cloth so Sold.

And be it further Enacted, That the Hall-keepers, Clerks, and Master-Porters of the said Hall, so far as they are hereby concerned, shall take Care that all the Rules and Orders appointed to be observed by this Act, in every Branch of it, be put in Executions; And shall also diligently and faithfully keep their Books, and Weekly Registers of all the Cloths Bought and Sold in the said Market; In which Books and Registers, they, and every of them, as they are concerned in their respective Places, shall truly Enter the Names, Sirnames, and Places of Habitation of the Owner, Buyer, and Seller of every the said Cloths, together with the time of the Sale thereof, and likewise of the Factor, or any other Person (other than the Owner) Buying or Selling the same, to the end Clothiers, and others Concerned, may be Satisfied how their Cloths are Disposed of from time to time, to which said Books it shall be Lawful for the said Clothiers, their Agents and Servants at all convenient times to have Recourse without any Fee, Gratuity, or Reward to be Paid for the same; And if any Hall-keeper, Clerk or

Master-Porter shall neglect to perform his Duty herein, he shall for every such Offence Forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds; And in Case any Person or Persons from and after the said First Day of May, shall Buy any Cloth of any Factor or Factors, or other Person or Persons, except of the Owner of such Cloth, otherwise than for Ready Money, That then, and in every such Case, the Factor or Factors, Person or Persons Selling such Cloth, shall within Twelve Days next after the Sale and Delivery of the same, take or demand a Note in Writing from the Person or Persons Buying such Cloth, Testifying under the Hand of the Buyer the Cloths so Sold, and the Sum of Money such Cloth was Sold for, and Payable by such Buyer, to the Owner of such Cloth, according to the Contract, and shall deliver on Demand such Note, with notice of such Buyers usual Place of Abode thereon Subscribed, to the Owner of the Cloth so Sold, or to any Person Authorized by the Owner, to Demand and Receive the same, on Pain to Forfeit to the Owner or Owners of such Cloth, for every neglect or refusal of demanding such Note, or such Delivery thereof, with notice, as aforesaid, Double the Value of the Cloth so Sold, to the Owner or Owners of such Cloth; And if any Merchant, Woollen Draper, or Trader in the Woollen Manufacture, Buying any Woollen Cloth upon Trust, shall refuse or neglect to give such Note, as aforesaid, upon request to him for that purpose to be made at any time after Eight Days next after the Sale and Delivery of the said Cloth, he shall Forfeit for every such Offence the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every Cloth so Sold, to the Owner of the said Cloth; And every Piece of Cloth, not actually Returned within Eight Days next after the Sale and Delivery of the

same, shall be, and is hereby Adjudged, Deemed, and Taken to be Passed and Approved of by the Buyer as a Merchantable Cloth; And all Contracts, Promises, and Agreements for the Allowing of any longer time for the Passing of any Cloth, shall be, and are hereby Declared to be Void.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Forfeitures and Penalties Imposed by Virtue of this Act, shall, or may be Sued for, and Recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information in any of his Majesties Courts of Record, in which no Essoign, Wager of Law, or Protection, and but one Imparlance shall be Allowed; And if not otherwise herein before Disposed of, One Moiety thereof shall be to the use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other to the Informer.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if the Owner of the Cloth shall Neglect to Sue for any of the Penalties and Forfeitures he shall be Intituled to by Virtue of this Act, by the Space of Six Months next after the Offence Committed, then it shall and may be Lawful for any other Person to Sue for and Recover the same, and one Moiety thereof shall be to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other to the Informer.

And to prevent Fraudulent Practices of Factors as to the Effects of Clothiers in their hands, and as to the Debts Due to Clothiers, Contracted for by such Factors, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person being a Known or Reputed Factor for Selling Cloth in the said Market of Blackwell-Hall, shall, before the Four and twentieth Day of June, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, if thereunto Requested by any Clothier or Owner

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of Cloth, Give and Deliver a True and Particular Account in Writing to such Clothier or Owner of Cloth, of the Effects of such Clothier or Owner of Cloth, which now are, or before the First Day of May, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, shall be in the Hands of such Factor, and the particular Cloths of such Clothier or Owner of Cloth Sold by such Factor, and of the particular Sums of Money due to such Clothier or Owner of Cloth by any Contract of such Factor, and of the respective Names and Places of Abode of every Person from whom such Sums are due; And if any such Factor shall refuse or neglect to give and deliver such Account as aforesaid, he shall Forfeit to the Person or Persons to whom he ought to give and deliver such Account, Ten Pounds, to be Recovered and Sued for, as aforesaid.

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Anno Regni GULIELMI III. REGIS *Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ,* Octavo & Nono.

At the Parliament begun at *Weſtminſter* the Two and twentieth Day of *November*, *Anno Dom.* 1695. In the Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *WILLIAM* the Third, by the Grace of God, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

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An Act to Enable the Returns of Juries, as formerly, until the First Day of *November*, One thousand six hundred ninety seven.

Whereas by an Act made in the First Sessions of this present Parliament, Intituled, An Act for the Ease of Jurors, and better Regulating of Juries, it is amongst other things Enacted, That all Constables, Tythingmen and Headboroughs of Towns in each County, or their Deputies, or some or one of them, shall Yearly at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for each County, Riding or Division, or any part thereof, in the Week after the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, upon the First Day of the

said Sessions, or upon the First Day that the said Sessions shall be held by Adjournment at any other particular Division or Place, Return and Give a true List in Writing of the Names and Places of Abode of all Persons Within the respective Places for which they Serve, qualified to Serve upon such Juries, With their Titles and Additions, between the Age of One and twenty Years, and the Age of Seventy Years, to the Justices of the Peace in Open Court; which said Justices, or any Two of them at the said Sessions, in the respective Counties, Ridings or Divisions, shall cause to be delivered a Duplicate of the aforesaid returned List by the Clerks of the Peace of every County or Riding, to the Sheriffs or their Deputies, on or before the First Day of January next following, and cause the said Lists to be fairly Entred into a Book by the Clerk of the Peace, to be by him provided and kept for that purpose amongst the Records of the said Court of Sessions; and no Sheriff shall Impanel or Return any Person or Persons to Try any of the Issues joyned in any of the said Courts, or to Be or Serve in any Jury at the Assizes, Sessions of Oyer and Terminer, Goal Delivery or Sessions of the Peace, that shall not be named or mentioned in the said List. And Whereas several Constables, not being Apprized of their Duties, have neglected to make Returns of Jurors in such manner as by the said Act is directed, in so much that there are really no Lists or Duplicate

of Persons out of which the Jurors are to be Returned or Impanelled by the Sheriffs for the Tryals of such Issues, as aforesaid, ever Made up, or Entred into Books, as the said Act directs, in several Counties of this Kingdom; and the Sheriffs being, as aforesaid, obliged by the said Act, neither to Return or Impanel any Person or Persons that shall not be-named or mentioned in the said Lists, there will in all and every the said Counties where there hath been such total neglects, as aforesaid, (unless other provision shall be made) be a failure of Tryals by Juries: For Remedy whereof, Be it Enacted, and it is hereby Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in Parliament Assembled, and by Authority of the same, That it shall and may be Lawful at any time before the First Day of November, which shall be in the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, for all Sheriffs or Coroners of Counties, and Places where such Lists have not been Returned, pursuant to the direction of the said Act, to make Returns of Jurors in all Cases whatsoever, in the same manner as they might have done before the making of the said Act; Any thing in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding. And to the end the said Act may be duly put in Execution from and after the Feast of Saint Michael, which shall be in the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred ninety seven,

ven, all Justices of the Peace are hereby Required and Commanded at their respective Sessions of the Peace that shall be holden next before the Feast of Saint Michael Yearly, and every Year, to issue forth Precepts to the respective Constables within their respective Counties or Divisions, thereby requiring them and every of them to make such Return of Persons to Serve upon Juries, as by the said Act is directed.

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An ACT for the better Preventing Frivolous and Vexatious Suits.

FOr Relief of His Majesties good Subjects against Causeless and Unjust Suits, and for the better enabling them to Recover their just Rights, Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Five and twentieth Day of March, which shall be in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand six hundred ninety and seven, where several Persons shall be made Defendants to any Action or Plaint of Trespass, Assault, False Imprisonment or Ejectione firmæ,

firmæ, and any one or more of them shall be upon the Tryal thereof Acquitted by Verdict, every Person or Persons so Acquitted, shall have and Recover his Costs of Suit in like manner as if a Verdict had been given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, and Acquitted all the Defendants, unless the Judge before whom such Cause shall be Tryed, shall immediately after the Tryal thereof, in open Court Certifie upon the Record under his Hand, That there was a Reasonable Cause for the making such Person or Persons a Defendant or Defendants to such Action or Plaint.

And for as much as for want of a sufficient provision by Law for the Payment of Costs of Suit, divers evil-disposed Persons are incouraged to bring Frivolous and Vexatious Actions, and others to neglect the due Payment of their Debts, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if at any time from and after the said Five and twentieth Day of March, any Person or Persons shall Commence or Prosecute in any Court of Record, any Action, Plaint or Suit, wherein upon any Demurrer, either by Plaintiff or Defendant, Demandant or Tenant, Judgment shall be given by the Court against such Plaintiff or Demandant, or if at any time after Judgment given for the Defendant in any such Action, Plaint or Suit, the Plaintiff or Demandant shall Sue any Writ or Writs of Error to Annul the said Judgment, and the said Judgment shall be afterwards affirmed to be good, or the said Writ of Error shall be discontinued,

continued, or the Plaintiff shall be Nonsuit therein, the Defendant or Tenant, in every such Action, Plaint, Suit or Writ of Error, shall have Judgment to Recover his Costs against every such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Demandant or Demandants, and have Execution for the same by Capias ad satisfaciendum, Fieri facias, or Elegit.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said five and twentieth Day of March, in all Actions of Waste, and Actions of Debt upon the Statute for not setting forth of Tythes, wherein the single Value or Damage found by the Jury shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Nobles, and in all Suits upon any Writ or Writs of Scire facias, and Suits upon Prohibitions, the Plaintiff obtaining Judgment, or any Award of Execution after Plea pleaded, or Demurrer joyned therein, shall likewise Recover his Costs of Suit; And if the Plaintiff shall become Nonsuit, or suffer a Discontinuance, or a Verdict shall pass against him, the Defendant shall Recover his Costs, and have Execution for the same in like manner, as aforesaid.

And for the preventing of Wilful and Malicious Trespasses, Be it further Enacted, That in all Actions of Trespass to be Commenced or Prosecuted, from and after the said Five and twentieth Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety and seven, in any of His Majesties Courts of Record at Westminster, Wherein at the Tryal of the Cause it shall Appear, and be Certified

by the Judge, under his Hand, upon the back of the Record, That the Trespass upon which any Defendant shall be found Guilty, was Wilful and Malicious, the Plaintiff shall Recover not only his Damages but his full Costs of Suit; Any former Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to alter the Laws in being as to Executors or Administrators, in such Cases where they are not at present liable to the Payment of Costs of Suit.

And be it further Enacted, That in all Actions to be Commenced in any Court of Record, from and after the said Five and twentieth Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety and seven, if any Plaintiff happen to Die after an Interlocutory Judgment, and before a Final Judgment obtained therein, the said Action shall not abate by reason thereof, if such Action might be Originally Prosecuted or Maintained by the Executors or Administrators of such Plaintiff; and if the Defendant Die after such Interlocutory Judgment, and before Final Judgment therein Obtained, the said Action shall not Abate, if such Action might be Originally Prosecuted or Maintained against the Executors or Administrators of such Defendant; and the Plaintiff, or if he be Dead after such Interlocutory Judgment, his Executors or Administrators shall and may have a Scire facias against the Defendant, if living after such Interlocutory

locutory Judgment, or if he Died after, then against his Executors or Administrators, to shew Cause why Damages in such Action should not be Assessed and Recovered by him or them, and if such Defendant, his Executors or Administrators, shall Appear at the Return of such Writ, and not Shew or Alledge any Matter sufficient to Arrest the Final Judgment, or being Returned Warned, or upon Two Writs of Scire facias it be Returned that the Defendant, his Executors or Administrators, had nothing whereby to be Summoned, or could not be found in the County, shall make Default, that thereupon a Writ of Enquiry of Damages shall be Awarded, which being Executed and Returned, Judgment Final shall be given for the said Plaintiff, his Executors or Administrators prosecuting such Writ or Writs of Scire facias against such Defendant, his Executors or Administrators respectively.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if there be Two or more Plaintiffs or Defendants, and one or more of them should Die, if the Cause of such Action shall Survive to the Surviving Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or against the Surviving Defendant or Defendants, the Writ or Action shall not be thereby Abated; but such Death being Suggested upon the Record, the Action shall Proceed at the Suit of the Surviving Plaintiff or Plaintiffs against the Surviving Defendant or Defendants.

And be it further Enacted, That in all Actions, which from and after the said Five and twentieth Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety and seven, shall be Commenced or Prosecuted, in any of His Majesties Courts of Record, upon any Bond or Bonds, or on any Penal Sum for Non Performance of any Covenants or Agreements in any Indenture, Deed or Writing contained, the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs may assign as many Breaches as he or they shall think fit, and the Jury upon Tryal of such Action or Actions, shall and may Assess, not only such Damages and Costs of Suit as have heretofore been usually done in such Cases, but also Damages for such of the said Breaches so to be Assigned, as the Plaintiff upon the Tryal of the Issues shall Prove to have been Broken, and that the like Judgment shall be Entred on such Verdict as heretofore hath been usually done in such like Actions; and if Judgment shall be given for the Plaintiff on a Demurrer, or by Confession, or nihil dicit, the Plaintiff upon the Roll may suggest as many Breaches of the Covenants and Agreements as he shall think fit, upon which shall Issue a Writ to the Sheriff of that County where the Action shall be brought to Summon a Jury to Appear before the Justices or Justice of Assize, or Nisi prius of that County, to Enquire of the Truth of every one of those Breaches, and to Assess the Damages that the Plaintiff shall have Sustained thereby; In which Writ it shall be Commanded to the said

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Justices or Justice of Assize, or Nisi prius, that he or they shall make a Return thereof to the Court from whence the same shall Issue, at the time in such Writ mentioned; And in case the Defendant or Defendants, after such Judgment Entred, and before any Execution Executed, shall Pay unto the Court where the Action shall be brought, to the Use of the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or his or their Executors or Administrators, such Damages, so to be Assessed, by reason of all or any of the Breaches of such Covenants, together with the Costs of Suit, a Stay of Execution on the said Judgment shall be Entred upon Record; or if by reason of any Execution Executed, the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or his or their Executors or Administrators shall be fully Paid or Satisfied all such Damages so to be Assessed, together with his or their Costs of Suit, and all reasonable Charges and Expences for Executing the said Execution, the Body, Lands, or Goods of the Defendant, shall be thereupon forthwith Discharged from the said Execution, which shall likewise be Entred upon Record; but notwithstanding in each Case such Judgment shall Remain, Continue and Be, as a further Security to Answer to the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, and his or their Executors or Administrators, such Damages as shall or may be Sustained for further Breach of any Covenant or Covenants in the same Indenture, Deed or Writing contained, upon which the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs may have a Scire facias upon the

said Judgment against the Defendant, or against his Heir, Terre-Tenants or his Executors or Administrators suggesting other Breaches of the said Covenants or Agreements, and to Summon him or them respectively to shew Cause Why Execution shall not be had or Awarded upon the said Judgment, upon which there shall be the like Proceeding as was in the Action of Debt upon the said Bond or Obligation for Assessing of Damages upon Tryal of Issues Joyned upon such Breaches or Equity thereof, upon a Writ to be Awarded in manner, as aforesaid; And that upon Payment or Satisfaction in manner, as aforesaid, of such future Damages, Costs and Charges, as aforesaid, all further Proceedings on the said Judgment are again to be Stayed, and *toties quoties*, and the Defendant, his Body, Lands or Goods shall be Discharged out of Execution, as aforesaid.

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FINIS.

Anno Regni
GULIELMI III.
REGIS
Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ,
Octavo & Nono.

At the Parliament begun at *Weſtminſter* the Two and twentieth Day of *November*, *Anno Dom.* 1695. In the Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *WILLIAM* the Third, by the Grace of God, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

And from thence Continued by ſeveral Prorogations and Adjournments to the Twentieth Day of *October*, 1696. being the ſecond Seſſion of this preſent Parliament.

LONDON,
Printed by *Charles Bill*, and the Executrix of *Thomas Newcomb*, deceas'd, Printers to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty. 1696.

Anno Octavo & Nono

Gulielmi III. Regis.

An Act for Continuing certain Additional Impositions upon several Goods and Merchandizes.

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons Assembled in Parliament, for a further Supply of Your Majesties Extraordinary Occasions, and the Effectual Prosecution of the War against France, and for Satisfaction of such Persons who have Advanced and Lent Moneys into Your Majesties Exchequer for the Purposes aforesaid, have Chearfully and Unanimously Given and Granted unto Your Majesty the Impositions and Duties herein after mentioned, for, and during the Term hereafter expressed, and do most Humbly Beseech Your Majesty that it may be Enacted: And be it Enacted by the

Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That the ſeveral Additional and other Rates, Impoſitions, Duties and Charges upon Goods and Merchandize Imported into this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and from thence Exported, Mentioned, Expreſſed and Granted in and by an Act made in the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty and the late Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act for Granting to Their Majeſties certain Additional Impoſitions upon ſeveral Goods and Merchandizes, for the Proſecuting the preſent War againſt *France*, ſhall be Continued from the Firſt Day of March, in the Year of our Lord, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſix, and be Raiſed, Levied, Collected, Anſwered and Paid unto his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, until the Seventeenth day of May, in the Year of our Lord, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſeven, and that the ſaid Act, and all Powers, Proviſions, Penalties, Articles and Clauſes therein contained, ſhall Continue and be of full Force and Effect, until the ſaid Seventeenth day of May, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſeven, and ſhall be Applyed, Practiſed and Executed for Raiſing, Levying, Collecting, Anſwering and Paying the ſaid Additional Duties, and other Rates and Impoſitions hereby Continued, according to the Tenor and Intent of this preſent Act.

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Anno Regni GULIELMI III.

REGIS

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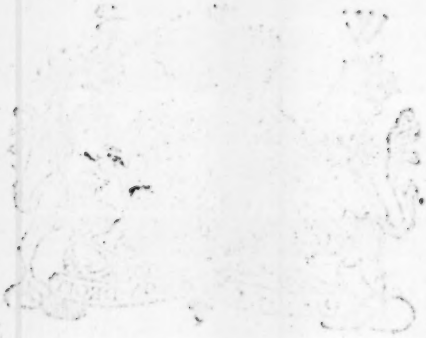
And from thence Continued by ſeveral Prorogations and Adjournments to the Twentieth Day of *October*, 1696. being the Second Seſſion of this preſent Parliament.

LONDON,

Printed by *Charles Bill*, and the Executrix of *Thomas Newcomb* deceas'd, Printers to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty. M DC XCVI.



Anno octavo & nono

Gulielmi III. Regis.

An Act for Continuing ſeveral former Acts for Puniſhing Officers and Soldiers who ſhall Mutiny or Deſert His Majeſties Service, and for Puniſhing Falſe Muſters, and for Payment of Quarters for One Year longer.

Whereas an Act was made the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act for Puniſhing Officers and Soldiers who ſhall Mutiny or Deſert Their Majeſties Service, and for Puniſhing Falſe Muſters, and for the Payment of Quarters, to Continue and be in Force until the First Day of March, in the Year of our Lord, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety three, and no longer;

Which Act by an Act made in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act for Continuing the Act for Puniſhing Officers and Soldiers who ſhall Mutiny or Deſert Their Majeſties Service, and for Puniſhing Falſe Muſters, and for Payment of Quarters for One Year longer, Was Declared and Enacted to Be and Continue in full Force and Virtue from the ſaid First Day of March, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety three, until the First Day of March, in the Year of our Lord, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety four, and no longer; Which Two before recited Acts, by an Act made in the Sixth and Seventh Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty King William, Intituled, An Act for Continuing Two former Acts for Puniſhing Officers and Soldiers who ſhall Mutiny or Deſert His Majeſties Service, and for Puniſhing Falſe Muſters, and for Payment of Quarters for One Year longer, and every Clauſe, Matter and Thing therein contained, were Declared and Enacted to Be and Continue in full Force and Virtue to all Intents, Conſtructions and Purpoſes, from the Tenth Day of April, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety five, until the Tenth Day of April, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſix, and no longer. And whereas by an Act made in the Seventh and Eighth Years of His Majeſties Reign, Intituled, An Act for Puniſhing Officers and Soldiers who ſhall Mutiny or Deſert His Majeſties Service, and for Puniſhing Falſe Muſters, and for Payment of Quarters for One Year longer, the ſeveral Acts therein mentioned were Continued

tinued until the Tenth Day of April, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, and no longer. And whereas the Raising or Keeping a Standing Army within this Kingdom in time of Peace (unless it be with the Consent of Parliament) is against Law. And whereas it is Judged necessary by his Majesty and this present Parliament, That during this time of War several of the Forces which are now on Foot should be Continued, and others Raised for the Safety of this Kingdom, for the common Defence of the Protestant Religion, and for the Carrying on the War against France. And whereas no Man may be forejudged of Life or Limb, or subject to any kind of Punishment by Martial Law, or in any other manner than by the Judgment of his Peers, and according to the Known and Established Laws of this Realm; yet nevertheless it being requisite for the retaining such Forces as are or shall be Raised, during the Exigence of Affairs, in their Duty, that an Exact Discipline be observed, and that Soldiers who shall Mutiny or Stir up Sedition, or shall Desert his Majesties Service, be brought to a more Exemplary and Speedy Punishment than the usual Forms of Law will allow: Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Act

made in the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act for Puniſhing Officers and Soldiers who ſhall Mutiny or Deſert Their Majeſties Service, and for Puniſhing Falſe Muſters, and for Payment of Quarters, and every Clauſe, Matter and Thing therein contained, ſhall Be and Continue, and is hereby Declared and Enacted to Be and Continue in full Force and Virtue, to all Intents, Conſtructions and Purpoſes, from the Tenth Day of April, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſeven, until the Tenth Day of April, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety eight, and no longer; And that all and every the Clauſes in the ſaid firſt recited Act, wherein there is any Commencement of time expreſſed to be from the Tenth Day of March, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety two, the ſame ſhall be Conſtrued by Virtue of this Act to be accounted from the Tenth Day of April, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſeven, to the Tenth Day of April, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety eight; And in any Clauſe wherein the like time ſhall be expreſſed to be betweén the ſaid Tenth Day of March, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety two, and the Firſt Day of March, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety three, the ſame ſhall be, by Virtue of this Act, intended to be betweén the Tenth Day of April, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſeven, and the Tenth Day of April, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety eight; Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Articles, Clauses, Matters and Things contained in the said recited Act made the fifth and Sixth Years of King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act for Continuing the Act for Punishing Officers and Soldiers who shall Mutiny or Desert Their Majesties Service, and for Punishing False Musters, and for the Payment of Quarters for One Year longer, shall Be and Continue, and are hereby Declared and Enacted to Be and Continue in full Force and Virtue, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes, from the said Tenth Day of April, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, until the Tenth Day of April, One thousand six hundred ninety eight, and no longer.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Recited Act made in the Sixth and Seventh Years of the Reign of His present Majesty King William, Intituled, An Act for Continuing Two former Acts for Punishing Officers and Soldiers who shall Mutiny or Desert His Majesties Service, and for Punishing False Musters, and for Payment of Quarters for One Year longer; And also an Act made in the Seventh and Eighth Years of his said Majesties Reign, Intituled, An Act for Continuing several former Acts for Punishing Officers and Soldiers who shall Mutiny or Desert His Majesties Service, and for Punishing False Musters, and for Payment of Quarters for One Year longer, shall Be and Continue, and is hereby Declared and Enacted to Be and Continue in full Force and Virtue, to all

Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, from the Tenth Day of April, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, until the Tenth Day of April, One thousand six hundred ninety eight, and no longer.

And for the better and more certain Payment of Quarters, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Officer Commanding in Chief, shall (within Twenty four Hours after his coming into any Quarters, where any Horse, Foot, or Dragoons, under such Officer are to be Quartered) by Sound of Trumpet or Beat of Drum, in the Market, or other Publick Places of any City, Town or Village, make Publication how much shall be Allowed every Soldier to be Trusted, above such part of his Pay directed by Act of Parliament to be Allowed for Diet, Hay and Straw, and also shall make Publication that no Shopkeeper shall Trust any Private Soldier, for any other Goods or Commodities whatsoever, without Leave first had from the Officer then Commanding in Chief, under his Hand in Writing, upon Pain that each and every of them shall Lose and Forfeit the Sum or Sums so Entrusted; And if the Officer so Commanding in Chief, shall Omit or Neglect to make such Publications, as aforesaid, such Officer for such Offence shall be Liable to Pay all such Debt or Debts, then and there Contracted by such Soldiers, as if the same had been his own Personal and Proper Debt, any thing in this or any other Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And Whereas Conſtables, Tythingmen and Headboroughs, do frequently Favour ſome and Burthen others, in Quartering and Billetting Officers and Soldiers, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be Lawful for One or more of the Juſtices of the Peace, and they are hereby Required, upon Complaint made thereof by any perſon Grieved therein, to Regulate ſuch Quartering and Billetting of Soldiers as to them ſhall ſeem Juſt and Reaſonable.

And Whereas by an Act made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of our preſent Sovereign Lord King William and the late Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act for Puniſhing Officers and Soldiers who ſhall Mutiny or Deſert Their Majeſties Service, and for Puniſhing Falſe Muſters, and for Payment of Quarters, and Continued by other Subſequent Acts, It was therein amongſt other Things Enacted, That the Subſiſtance Money for one Light Horſemans Diet and Small Beer, and Hay and Straw for his Horſe, ſhould not exceed per diem One Shilling; nor for one Dragoons Diet and Small Beer, and Hay and Straw for his Horſe per diem Nine Pence; nor for One Foot Soldiers Diet and Small Beer per diem Four Pence. And Whereas ſeveral Inconveniencies do daily happen in Inns and Victualling Houſes Where Soldiers are Quartered and Subſiſted with Meat and Drink by the Innkeepers and Victuallers to their great Prejudice, and to the

Hindrance of their Guests and Customers from using their Houses: For the Preventing the same for the future, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Tenth Day of April, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, no Innholder or Innholders, Victualler or Victuallers, Person or Persons whatsoever, on whom such Soldier or Soldiers, shall or may by Law be Quartered, shall be Obliged or Required to Provide Meat or other Victuals for any such Soldier or Soldiers (except in their March only) if the said Person or Persons on whom he or they shall be Quartered, as aforesaid, shall Give or Tender to each particular Horseman, the Sum of Six Pence per diem for his Subsistance in Meat only; To every Dragoon the Sum of Four Pence per diem for his Subsistance in Meat only; and to every Foot Soldier the Sum of Four Pence per diem for his Subsistance in Meat, besides Candle and the Use of his Fire for Dressing his Meat,

Provided nevertheless, That this Act nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to Exempt or Discharge any Innholder or Victualler, or other Person or Persons, from Providing and Furnishing for all and every Soldier and Soldiers which shall be Lawfully Quartered upon them, Lodging, Small Beer, and Candle, with the use of Fire to dress his Meat by, and Hay and Straw for their Horses, for which they shall be allowed after the Rates following (viz.) For Small Beer, Fire,

Candle, and Hay and Straw for a Light Horseman and his Horse, the Sum of Six pence per diem; For Small Beer, Fire, Candle, and Hay and Straw for a Dragoon and his Horse, the Sum of Five pence per diem; any thing in this present or any former Act, or any Custom or Usage to the contrary thereof in any Wise notwithstanding.

And Whereas it is doubted whether the Marine Regiments are within the intent and meaning of the said Acts for punishing Officers and Soldiers who shall Mutiny or Desert His Majesties Service, and for punishing False Musters, and for Payment of Quarters, It is hereby Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Officers and Soldiers of the Regiments called the Marine Regiments (being in His Majesties Service in the Army) be subject to all the Powers and Punishments mentioned in this Act.

FINIS.